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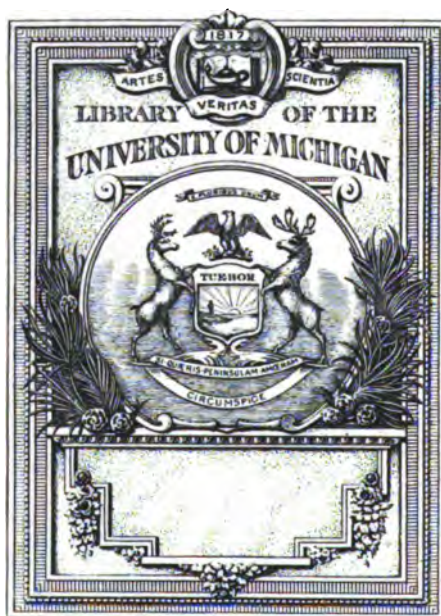
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A N
ACCOUNT
O F
Charity = Schools
I N
GREAT BRITAIN
A N D
IRELAND:

With the Benefactions thereto;
A N D O F
*The Methods whereby they were set up,
and are governed.*

A L S O
A PROPOSAL for adding some *WORK* to the
Childrens Learning.

A N D
An APPENDIX, containing certain Forms and
Directions relating to these *Schools*:

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IT is to be hoped, That no Body concerned in these Charities, or others, will be offended at the Account here given of them, in Case there should happen to be any Mistakes in it. Some are unavoidable in a Relation of so many particular Matters of Fact; especially considering the Changes several of the Schools may possibly have undergone in the Time wherein the Notices of them have been collecting. But as this Account hath been drawn up from the best Informations that could be procur'd in the Time; so if any one shall find any Mistakes or Omissions in it, they shall be corrected or supplied in the next Impression, if he pleases to give Notice thereof to the Printer.

An ACCOUNT of the METHODS
 W H E R E B Y
CHARITY-SCHOOLS
 I N
Great Britain & Ireland

Have been Erected, and are Governed; and of the
 Encouragement given to them, &c.

IT is manifest, That a Christian and Useful Education of the
 Children of the POOR, is very necessary to their Piety,
 Virtue, and honest Livelihood.

'Tis also as plain and evident, That Piety, Virtue, and an
 honest Way of Living, are not only of absolute Necessity to their
 Happiness both *Here* and *Hereafter*; but are necessary also to the
 Ease and Security of all other People whatsoever: For as much
 as there is no Body but may stand in need of their Help, or be
 liable to receive Injuries from them.

But that which ought more especially to be the Beginning, and
 End of Christian Charity, is the Glory of God, and the Good of
 Mankind. And these great and most desirable Ends cannot be by
 private Persons more universally and effectually secured, than by
 Contributing to the Christian Education and useful bringing up
 of the Poor.

Therefore there having of late been several Schools, called
CHARITY-SCHOOLS, Erected for that Purpose; namely,
*For the Education of Poor Children in the Knowledge and Practice of the
 Christian Religion, as Profess'd and Taught in the Church of England;
 and for Teaching them such other Things as are most suitable to their
 Condition:* It may be of Use to give a short Account of them, and
 to shew how they have been Erected, and are Governed: That o-
 ther People seeing the *Practicableness*, as well as *Charity* and *Use-
 fulness* thereof, may be moved to increase the Number of them.

(a) A Form
whereof is in
the Appendix.

These Schools have been sometimes propos'd by the Minister, to some of his Parish; and sometimes by 2 or 3 Persons of a Place, to the Minister of the Parish, and such others as they thought would join with them. And when 4 or 5 had agreed thereon, their Way was to express in a few Lines (a) the Necessity and Usefulness of the Design on a Roll of Parchment, and subscribe thereto such Sums as each of them thought fit to pay Yearly (during Pleasure) towards the Charge: And generally the Minister subscrib'd first. And the Design thus set on Foot, they shew'd the Roll to others, and those to others, who subscrib'd also as they thought fit. So that when the Design became pretty well known, it commonly met with so good Success, that the Subscribers have been able to set up a School in about 7 or 8 Months Time. After a competent Sum of Money subscribed, the next Thing the Subscribers did, was their agreeing upon, and settling certain Rules and Orders for the Governing these Schools, for the better effecting the End of the Charity, and easier managing the same, to the Satisfaction of all concern'd, and without giving Offence. In many Schools in and about *London*, the Orders are to the following Effect.

I. The Master to be Elected for this S C H O O L shall be,

1. A Member of the Church of *England*, of a sober Life and Conversation, and not under the Age of 25 Years.
2. One that frequents the holy Communion.
3. One that hath a good Government of himself and his Passions.
4. One of a meek Temper and humble Behaviour.
5. One of a good Genius for Teaching.
6. One who understands well the Grounds and Principles of the *Christian Religion*, and is able to give a good Account thereof to the Minister of the Parish, or Ordinary, on Examination.
7. One who can write a good Hand, and who understands the Grounds of Arithmetick.
8. One who keeps good Orders in his Family.
9. One who is approved by the Minister of the Parish (being a Subscriber) before he be presented to be Licensed by the Ordinary.

AND here it may be noted, That it will be adviseable for any new-elected School-Master to consult with some of the experienc'd Masters of these Schools, for the better Understanding of his Duty. And it is recommended to them to communicate to such new-elected Master their Art, and the divers Methods of Teaching and Governing their Scholars, used according to the different Capacities, Tempers, and Inclinations of the Children. And moreover it will be convenient, that any such new-elected Master have

Liberty, on certain Days, to see and hear the present Masters teach their Scholars; and upon Occasion, to be assisting to them in Teaching, that he may thereby become yet more expert, and better qualified for the Discharge of his Office. The due and faithful Execution whereof, as it is a Matter of very great Importance, so it does deserve much Commendation, and may hope to meet with proportionable Encouragement.

II. The following Orders shall be observed by the Master and Scholars, &c.

1. The Master shall constantly attend his proper Business in the School, during the Hours appointed for Teaching, *viz.* from 7 to 11 in the Morning, and from 1 to 5 in the Evening, the *Summer* Half-Year: And from 8 to 11 in the Morning, and from 1 to 4 in the Evening, the *Winter* Half-Year; that he may improve the Children in good Learning, to the utmost of his Power, and prevent the Disorders that frequently happen for want of the Master's Presence and Care.

2. To the End the chief Design of this School, which is for the Education of Poor Children in the Knowledge and Practice of the Christian Religion, as Profess'd and Taught in the Church of England, may be the better promoted: The Master shall make it his chief Business to instruct the Children in the Principles thereof, as they are laid down in the *Church-Catechism*; which he shall first teach them to pronounce distinctly and plainly; and then, in order to practise, shall explain it to the meanest Capacity by some good Exposition approv'd of by the Minister: And this shall be done constantly Twice a Week, that every Thing in the Catechism may be the more perfectly repeated and understood; and afterwards shall more largely inform them of their Duty, by the Help of the *Whole Duty of Man*, Mr. *Ostervald's Catechism*, or some other good Book. And the Master shall take particular Care of the Manners and Behaviour of the Poor Children; and by all proper Methods shall discourage and correct the Beginnings of Vice, and particularly Lying, Swearing, Cursing, taking God's Name in Vain, and the Prophanation of the Lord's-Day, &c. at the same Time minding them of such Parts of the holy Scriptures, and of the Catechism, where those Things are mentioned as forbidden by God, and the contrary Things as commanded; whereby the Children may the better remember and understand the Use of the holy Scriptures, and their Catechism, and learn to govern their Lives thereby. And in general, the Master (in the Business of Religion) shall follow the Directions of the Minister.

Note, The Christian School-Master, advertised at the End of this Account; together with the Art of spelling and reading English, will be of excellent Use for the Master, and such as are employed in the Instruction of Children.

3. When any Number of the Children can say the Catechism, the Master shall give Notice thereof to the *Minister*, in order to their being Catechiz'd in the Church.

4. The Master shall teach them the true Spelling of Words, and Distinction of Syllables, with the Points and Stops; which is necessary to true and good Reading, and serves to make the Children more mindful of what they Read.

5. As soon as the Boys can read competently well, the Master shall teach them to Write a fair legible Hand, with the Grounds of Arithmetick, to fit them for Services and Apprentiships. †

6. The Master shall bring the Children to Church Twice every *Lord's-Day* and *Holy-Day*; and shall teach them to behave themselves with all Reverence while they are in the House of God, and to join in the publick Services of the Church. For which Purpose they are always to have ready their Bibles bound up with the Common-Prayer. N. B. *In many Places, the Masters and Mistresses bring the Children to Church every Day.*

7. The Master shall use Prayers Morning and Evening in the School; and shall teach the Children to pray at Home when they rise and go to Bed; and to use Graces before and after Meat. These Prayers * to be collected out of the publick Prayers of the Church, or others to be approved of by the *Minister*.

8. The Names of the Children shall be called over every Morning and Afternoon, to know whether they come constantly at School-Hours: And if any be missing, their Names shall be put down with a Note for *Tardy*, and another for *Absent*. Great Faults, as Swearing, Stealing, &c. shall be noted down in Monthly or Weekly Bills, to be laid before the Subscribers or Trustees every Time they meet, in order to their Correction or Expulsion; a Method whereof is in the *Appendix*.

9. The Master may permit the Children to break up Three Times in the Year; namely, at the usual Festivals, but not oftner; and by no means during *Bartholomew-Fair*, † for Fear of any Harm by the ill Examples and Opportunities of Corruption at that Season. Note, *The latter Part of this Order seems not so necessary now, since the City of London have wisely thought fit to limit this Fair to three Days, as judging that Time sufficient to serve the good Uses of it; yet the Order is of Use, in Regard no Time for the Improvement of the Poor Children ought to be unnecessarily omitted.*

10. This School being only designed for the Benefit of such Poor Children, whose Parents or Friends are not able to give them Learning; The Master shall not receive any Money of the Childrens Friends at their Entrance, or Breaking-up, or upon any other Pretence whatsoever: Nor shall the Master teach any other Children besides the poor Children of this School; but shall content himself with his Salary, upon Pain of forfeiting his Place.

† Note, The Girls learn to read, &c. and generally to knit their Stockings and Gloves; to make, sew; make and mend their Cloaths; and several learn to Write, and some to spin their Cloaths. * Note, There is a Form of Prayers for the Use of Charity-Schools, sold by the Printer of this Account at 6s. per 100, or 1d. a piece.

† The Children at Cambridge are not to Break-up at Sturbridge-Fair Time.

II. The Children shall wear their Caps, Bands, Cloaths, and other Marks of Distinction, every Day; whereby the Trustees and Benefactors may know them, and see what their Behaviour is abroad.

III. The following Orders shall be Read and given to the Parents, on the Admittance of their Children. [*They are printed for that End on a Half-Sheet, by the Printer of this Account.*]

1. That the Parents take Care to send their Children to School at the School-Hours, and keep them at Home on no Pretence whatsoever; except in Case of Sickness.

2. That they send their Children clean wash'd and comb'd.

3. That they correct their Children for such Faults as they commit at Home, or inform the Master of them: Whereby the whole Behaviour of their Children may be the better ordered.

4. That in Regard the Subscribers to this School will take due Care, that the Children shall suffer no Injuries by their Master's Correction, which is only design'd for their Good; the Parents shall freely submit their Children to undergo the Discipline of the School, when guilty of any Faults, and forbear coming thither on such Occasions. So that the Children may not be countenanced in their Faults, nor the Master discouraged in the Performance of his Duty.

5. That the Parents set their Children good Examples, and keep them in good Order when they are at Home.

6. And that this School may not only serve for the Instruction and Benefit of the Children, but also of their Parents, particularly of such as cannot Read; they for their own Sake, as well as their Childrens, are frequently to call on them at Home to repeat their Catechism, and to Read the holy Scriptures, especially on the Lord's-Day, and to use Prayers Morning and Evening in their Families; so that all may the better be informed of their Duty, and by a constant and sincere Practice thereof, procure the Blessing of God upon them.

7. If the Parents do not observe the said Orders, (which they are to set up in their House,) their Children are to be dismissed the School, and to forfeit their School-Cloaths.

And here observe, that whatever hath been said of the *Masters* of Charity-Schools, ought to be understood with Respect to the *Mistresses* likewise, in all Instances wherein it may be properly applied to them.

IV. That the Children to be taken into this School, shall be real Objects of the Charity, and be living in (or near to) the said Parish of _____ and be of the full Age of *Seven* Years, and not above the Age of *Twelve* Years. And before any Child is admitted, the Subscriber presenting such Child, shall duly inform himself of the Condition of his Parents, and of his Age,

Age, &c. And moreover an Examination shall be made by the Treasurer and Trustees, or by the Subscribers, whether he be a real Object of the Charity, and also otherwise qualified to be admitted, in respect of Age and Place of Habitation, &c.

V. That the Subscribers meet at the School-House every first *Wednesday* after every Quarter-Day: And what shall be agreed on at such Meetings, by the Majority of the Subscribers then present, shall be observed; of which Meeting every Subscriber shall have Notice.

VI. A Treasurer and six Trustees shall be Annually chosen out of the Subscribers, on *Wednesday* in *Easter Week*, who with the Minister shall have the immediate Care and Government of the said School, and shall report the State and Condition of the same, at the said Quarterly Meetings of the Subscribers.

VII. If there should happen to be any Money in Stock at the Entrance of the Treasurer upon his Office; or that there be a considerable Subscription to be Receiv'd; the Treasurer shall give his Bond to 4 or more of the Subscribers, to lay out the same, as the Subscribers shall order; but especially, that in Case of his Death the Money so received, and not expended, may be answer'd to the School.

VIII. That the Treasurer keep a fair Account of all Receipts and Disbursements, for the View of all *Subscribers* and *Others*, who may desire to know how the Monies are disposed of.

IX. That the Treasurer's Accounts shall be perused, examined, and made up by the Subscribers twice (or oftner) in the Year, at their Quarterly Meetings.

X. That these Orders may be the better known and observed; they shall be fixed up in some convenient Place of the School, and shall be publicly read over, at least Four Times in the Year, at the *Quarterly Meetings* of the Subscribers, before any Business be enter'd upon.

THE Method of chusing the Trustees for the Management of these Schools, has been various: In some Places the first Proposers being approved, and desired by the rest, have taken upon them the continual Trouble of the said Trust: In other Places, 7 or 12 Subscribers, who were thought most likely to attend the Care, have, at a Yearly Meeting, been appointed Trustees for one Year, by the Majority of the Subscribers, (together with the Minister, who is always a Trustee, if a Subscriber,) and then others were to be chosen in their stead.

The Children also have been taken in by different Methods; but commonly the Subscribers (where the Number hath been large) have drawn Lots which of them should put in a Child at the first Opening the School; and afterwards (on Vacancies) they presented or put in Children by Turns.

The ordinary Charge of a School in London, for 50 Boys Cloathed, comes to about 75*l.* per Ann. including the Charge of a School-Room, Books, and Firing, the Master's Salary, and 2 Bands, 1 Cap, 1 Coat, 1 Pair of Stockings, and 1 Pair of Shoes given yearly to each Boy. See the particular Charges of clothing a Boy in the Appendix, Num. III.

The ordinary Charge of a School in London, for 50 Girls Cloathed, comes to about 60*l.* per Ann. including the Charge of a School-Room, Books, and Firing, the Mistress's Salary, and 2 Coifs, 2 Bands, 1 Gown and Petticoat, 1 Pair of Knit-Gloves, 1 Pair of Stockings, and 1 Pair of Shoes, given yearly to each Girl. See the particular Charges of clothing a Girl in the Appendix, Num. III.

When the Subscriptions in any Place have not been sufficient for the Teaching and Cloathing of the Number proposed, the Minister hath been pleas'd to preach; (or allow to be preached) in some Parishes Yearly; in others, Quarterly; in others, Monthly; a Sermon or Lecture, exhorting to, or shewing the Necessity and Usefulness of this Charity. And the Contributions which have been collected at the Church-Doors on this Occasion, have been considerably larger than upon most other Occasions. And this seems to have proceeded in part from the Auditory's Observation of the visible Improvement of the Children, in readily answering to their Catechism, and joining in the Common Service of the Church.

N. B. At St. Catherine's by the Tower, Two of the Trustees consent to be Collectors of the Land Tax, and give the Poundage to the School; wherefore the other Trustees assist them in collecting by Turns. They also farm the Lamps within their own Parish, and give the Profits thereof to the School. And they have Lent-Sermons, with Collections at the Church-Doors, appropriated to the same charitable Purpose.

Next to the many Lectures that are preached in and about London, on the Occasion of these Schools, it may very well be said, that nothing has tended so much to the Increasing the Number of them, and the Contributions to them, as the publick Examination of the Children in their Schools; where, at certain Times, the Children of each School are examined as to their Improvement in their Spelling and Reading, and especially as to their Knowledge of the Doctrines of our most holy Religion, and of the several Scripture Reasons and Motives that shew the Necessity, and persuade to the Practice of them. Besides which, the Children are frequently examin'd before the Trustees and Benefactors in private.

N. B. For the Information of such as desire to be present at publick Examinations, there is an Account of the Times and Places of them set down in the Appendix, Num. VIII.

When the Monies subscribed or collected, have been more than sufficient to defray the ordinary Charge of a School, the Over-

plus, together with the casual Gifts, has been applied sometimes to increase the Number of Schools in the same Place, or the Number of the Scholars; sometimes to put out Children Apprentices, as appears by the *Account annex'd*; and sometimes to purchase Lands for the same Uses, as in *White-Chappel*; sometimes it is laid out in fitting up and building School-Houses and Work-Houses, and finding Work and Implements, as at *Lime-House, Greenwich, &c.* and particularly at *St. Margaret's in Westminster*; where a Proposal having been made to the Church-Wardens, they agreed to let the Trustees of the *Grey-Coat-School* have a large House, belonging to the Parish, Rent-free for 7 Years, and to let them have as many of the Parish-Children (with the usual Pensions they gave to their Nurseries) as the Trustees would undertake to maintain and employ with Work. Whereupon the Trustees took in the 50 Boys belonging to the *Charity-School*, and at several Times afterwards about 50 more Boys and Girls, on the Parish Account, and have set them all to Work; some upon *spinning of Wool*, others upon *mondling and making of Shoes*, others upon *sewing and knitting, &c.* And the Income of the Charity and their Earnings were sufficient to find them in Diet, Lodging, and other Necessaries, with an *Overplus*, till it pleas'd Her most Gracious Majesty to incorporate the said School, by the Name of the *Grey-Coat-Hospital* in *Tothill-Fields*, in order to lay a more solid Foundation for its Support and Maintenance.

The aforementioned Examples of setting Children to Work, are worthy to be followed by other Parishes that have a Fund sufficient; for thereby the Children, both Boys and Girls, being accustomed to Labour, will be the better fitted to be put out as Servants or Apprentices.

The present State of the CHARITY-SCHOOLS in and about LONDON and WESTMINSTER, and within Ten Miles thereof, May 1712.

This Mark * denotes Schools set up since the last Year's Accounts; or not men-
tioned therein for want of Information. C. signifies *Cloth*. H. *M. Maintained*
and set to Work. W. *Set to Work only.*

CHARITY SCHOOLS in the Parishes of	No. of Sch.	BOYS.	GIRLS.	Voluntary Subscriptions about per Annum.			Collections at Sermons & Sacraments about p. An- num.			Gifts to each School from put out Ap- rentices from the Beginning.			Boys & Girls	
				l.	s.	d.	l.	s.	d.	l.	s.	d.	Boys.	Girls.
S T. Allhallows Lom- bard-street C. —	1	32	—	—	—	—	30	—	—	—	—	—	4	—
St. Andrew Holborn C.	2	80	80	259	4	6	65	18	4	348	15	6	91	97
In the same Parish at St. <i>George's</i> Chappel C.	2	50	40	172	10	—	103	—	—	8	—	—	6	—
St. Anne Westminster C.	2	50	50	140	—	—	142	—	—	580	8	—	70	24
St. Botolph Aldersgate C.	2	50	50	100	—	—	23	—	—	163	—	—	18	20
St. Botolph Aldgate C. —	4	110	90	122	—	—	50	—	—	278	—	—	82	78
St. Botolph Bishopsgate C.	1	30	—	48	—	—	—	—	—	10	—	—	—	—
Brentford in Middlesex p. C.	2	38	8	60	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	12	10
* St. Brides Parish C. —	2	50	50	200	—	—	55	—	—	16	—	—	—	—
Broad-Street Ward, C. —	2	50	24	67	—	—	20	—	—	14	13	9	62	—
<i>To which Schools there is a pop. Ann. left for 19 Years</i>														
Camberwell in Surrey —	1	—	30	50	—	—	15	8	6	11	1	6	—	—
* Christ-Church in Surry C.	1	20	—	50	—	—	8	16	—	—	—	—	—	—
Chelsea in Middlesex C.	1	27	—	10	—	—	—	—	—	400	—	—	12	—
* In the same Parish, Cl. Apothec. Sch. chiefly supported by Ladies and Gentlewomen, 7 of whom are Trustees	1	—	30	50	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
St. Clement Danes, C.	2	70	40	125	5	6	55	5	2	750	—	—	78	24
<i>To which Schools there is 100l. per Ann. left.</i>														
Cripplegate ward within Including the School in the Parish of St. Alphage, C. —	1	50	—	88	2	—	18	—	—	269	5	6	—	—
Deptford in Kent, Supported by a Settlement of 178 persons.	1	20	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
St. Dunstan in the West p. C.	3	50	60	168	17	6	79	10	6	64	11	—	12	—
Ealing, Middlesex, The Charge of which School is defrayed out of the Subscriptions to Brentford —	2	25	20	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

CHARITY SCHOOLS
in the Parishes of

	No. of Sch.	BOYS.	GIRLS.	Voluntary Subscriptions about per Annum.	Collections at Sermons and Sacraments about per Annum.	Gifts to each School from the Beginning.	Boys put out Apprentices from the Beginning.	GIRLS.
				l. s. d.	l. s. d.	l. s. d.	No. l.	
St. Edmund the King, <small>No schools but a St. Augustine and Col- latory to put out Apprentices such as are educated in the Charity Schools, and 55 Children have been already put out by this means.</small>				25	40			
Eltham in Kent, C.	2	20	10	60		22 11		
*Faringdon Ward within, C.	2	22	13	70	30	50	7	3
St. George Southwark, C.	1	60	—	26	79 2 11	25 18	6	14
Sir George Wheeler's Chap- pel in Stepney Parish C.	1	—	50	34 15	24 16	4 3	—	3
St. Giles Cripplegate, C.	2	120	—	50	60	210	37	—
In the same Parish, C. Supported by a Lec- ture	1	25	—	10	24		2	—
In the same Parish, assisted by a Lecture	1	15	—	16	24		4	—
In the same Parish, C. Supported by a Legacy of 1500l. of the late Lady Elea- nor Herlihy, carried to the Gifts.	1	—	50			1500	—	22
St. Giles in the Fields C.	4	135	100	250	150	300	70	50
Greenwich, Kent, W. C.	1	—	30	60		110	—	28
Hendon, Middlesex. C.	2	20	10	20		100	—	—
St. James Clerkenwell C.	2	70	30	100	30	60	77	36
*St. James Westminster C.	4	102	80	200	259 18 6	785	12	54
St. John at Wapping C.	2	40	30	45	90	15	4	3
St. Katherine near the Tower C.	2	35	15	50	50	350	56	4
St Katherine Cree Church, C.	1	40	—	30	105 10 1	13	13	—
Henington, Middlesex C. <small>To which Her Majesty is graciously pleased to give 10 l. p. An. and to con- tinue the five Princes Pensions of 10 l. per An. not included among the Sub- scriptions.</small>	2	40	30	165 5 3	105 6 10	15 11	8	2
Knights Bridge Chappel Middlesex, C.	1	13	—		36 5		—	—
St. Lawrence Pountney C.	1	30	—	40			—	—
St Leonard Shoreditch C.	1	50	—	61 6 8	54 2 3	20 15	22	—
In the same Parish, at Hoxton, C.	1	—	60	40	65		—	—
Lewisham in Kent	1	—	30				—	—
Limehouse Hamlet in Stepney Parish C. & M.	1	6	4	40		294	—	—

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in the Parishes of

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				l.	s.	d.	l.	s.	d.	l.	s.	d.	Boys.	Girls
S. Margaret Westminster, Cibath'd in Blue; to which School is given 6 l. per Annum	1	50	—	8	—	—	102	10	—	160	—	—	203	—
In the same Parish, C. in Grey and M. To this School is given a Freehold Estate of 20 l. per An. beside the Childrens Beer, valued at 80 l. per Annum	2	78	42	179	10	—	150	8	9	255	9	16	81	46
St. Martin in the Fields, C. On these Schools there is settled 6 l. per Annum for 87 Years	3	110	50	120	—	—	200	—	—	650	—	—	70	50
St. Mary-le Bow C. —	1	50	—	30	—	—	50	—	—	14	—	—	12	—
St. Mary at Hlinton C. —	2	24	20	100	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—
St. Mary at Lambeth C. —	2	50	12	50	—	—	25	—	—	50	—	—	—	—
St. Mary Magdalen Bermondsey C. —	1	50	—	100	—	—	25	—	—	3	—	—	—	—
St. Mary Overee, alias St. Saviour Southwark C. —	2	60	60	200	—	—	—	—	—	25	—	—	—	1
St. Mary Rotherhith C. —	1	30	—	70	—	—	30	—	—	20	—	—	20	—
St. Mary in the Savoy p. C. —	2	22	10	50	—	—	10	—	—	—	—	—	2	6
St. Mary Whitechappel C. —	2	60	40	62	—	—	44	10	—	1140	—	—	—	—
* St. Michael's Cornhill C. —	2	50	20	50	—	—	100	—	—	9	9	—	—	—
* S. Michael Crookedlane, The Girls School is clothed and taught at the Charge of a private Person	2	50	30	48	—	—	20	—	—	5	—	—	—	—
Mortlake in Surrey C. —	1	12	—	—	—	—	16	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
St. Michael Queen-Hith C. —	1	20	—	12	12	—	10	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Newington Butts Surrey C. —	1	30	—	45	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Norton Folgate —	1	60	—	80	—	—	25	—	—	100	—	—	—	—
St. Olaves Southwark C. —	1	—	60	55	—	—	40	—	—	96	—	—	—	28
St. Paul Covent Garden C. —	1	30	20	130	—	—	50	—	—	120	—	—	20	—
* St. Paul Shadwell p. C. —	2	50	12	44	—	—	36	—	—	110	—	—	31	—
Poplar Chappel in Stepney-Parish, p. C. —	3	50	20	60	—	—	40	—	—	65	—	—	20	—
Ratcliff Hamlet in Stepney Parish C. —	1	50	—	80	—	—	20	—	—	2	18	—	—	—

CHARITY SCHOOLS
in the Parishes of

	No. of Sch.	BOYS.	GIRLS.	Voluntary Subscriptions about per Annum.			Collections at Sermons & Sacraments about p. Annum.			Gifts to each School from the Beginning.			Boys & Girls put out Apprentices from the Beginning.	
				l.	s.	d.	l.	s.	d.	l.	s.	d.	Boys.	Girls.
St. Sepulchre. C. ———	4	84	70	23	0	—	40	—	—	195	4	6	69	68
St. Stephen Walbrook C. ———	1	12	—	12	—	—	14	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Tabernacle in Petticoat-Lane, in Stepney Parish, C. ———	1	30	—	20	—	—	30	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
St. Thomas Southwark C. ———	1	30	—	32	6	—	24	1	10	—	—	—	2	—
Tower-Ward C. ———	2	60	60	200	—	—	36	—	—	76	—	—	—	—
Twickenham Middlesex C. ———	1	50	—	90	—	—	—	—	—	10	—	—	37	—
Vintry-Ward C. ———	1	50	—	86	10	—	28	10	—	16	5	—	—	—
Wandsworth in Surrey ———	1	40	—	55	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—
Wimbledon in Surrey ———	2	50	—	80	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
	14	406	130	805	16	00	172	11	10	297	9	6	110	61
Brought from fol. 11 ———	33	812	572	1710	19	6	665	18	6	2710	15	3	447	255
Doitto from fol. 12 ———	37	843	542	1393	6	11	1227	19	11	3875	18	6	363	205
Doitto from fol. 13 ———	35	986	396	1646	2	00	1005	8	9	5090	3	6	465	133
Total ———	119	3947	1640	5556	4	5	3071	19	00	11974	5	9	1385	652

Boys clothed ——— 2821 } 4318 Total of Children clothed.
 Girls clothed ——— 1497 }

Boys not clothed ——— 226 } 369 Total of Children not clothed.
 Girls not clothed ——— 143 }

Boys put out Apprentices 1345 } 2037 Total of Children put out Apprentices.
 Girls put out Apprentices 652 }

N. B. All the Schools above-mentioned have been set up within the Space of 15 Years last past, except that in Norton Folgate, and the Blue-Coat School in St. Margaret Westminster, which was set up 24 Years last Lady-Day, but a School-House for the said Blue-Coat-School, and a Dwelling-House for the Master was erected of late Years.

An ACCOUNT of some Charities of the like Nature in other Parts of GREAT BRITAIN and IRELAND.

BUT here, before we present the Reader with the Lists of these Schools, we may take Notice, that the aforementioned *Methods of setting up and governing the Charity-Schools in and about London*, have been chiefly made Use of in setting up and governing these Schools, especially in *Cities, Corporations, Market-Towns, and large Villages*. And where the aforementioned Ways of setting up and supporting of Schools have been impracticable, others have been found out, and us'd with very great Success. In many Places the Ministers have put all the poor Children, or as many as would come, to School, at their own Charge: And in some they have taken the Trouble of teaching 'em themselves, *gratis*. In many other Places, whole Schools have been set up, and in Time clothed at the Charge of single Persons. In other Places, Persons have been made Parish Clerks, on Condition they would teach a certain Number of Children *gratis*. In others, where there hath not been a competent Number of Children for a School, as also where they could not be conveniently spared at School-Hours, especially in *Evening-time*, Agreements have been made with proper Persons to teach the poor Children to Read, Write, and cast Accounts *by the Year*, (that is, to give the Master or Mistress 2*s*. 6*d*. when each Child can name and distinguish readily all the Letters in the Alphabet, and the like Sum when he can spell, and 5*s*. more when he can read well and distinctly, and say the Church-Catechism, and 1*s*. more when he can write, and cast Accounts. — [See in the Appendix, Num. XI.] And at one Place Half a Poor's Rate of one Assessment, has been yearly appropriated to the teaching and cloathing of poor Girls. Again, in some Places Effigies or Statues of Charity-Children have been placed at the Church or School-Doors, with a Poor's Box near them, and suitable Texts of Scripture to excite the Alms of People resorting thither, which have sometimes been very considerable, and afforded seasonable Supports to such Schools. In other Places, People pay more than ordinary for teaching their own Children, that the Master and Mistress may teach all the Children of the Poor *gratis*, as they agree with them to do. And in one Place, the Minister

nister hath provided 2 Palls, the one of which is let out for 2 s. 6 d. and the other for 1 s. a Time, and the Money so arising bears a good Part of the Charge of Teaching the poor Children there. And in some Places part, in others, the whole of the Offertory-Money is applied to the Teaching poor Children. There are also (as is well known) great Numbers of poor Children maintained and educated in the Work-Houses that have been of late Years Erected by Act of Parliament; as in *Bishopsgate-street, London*; at *Bristol, Exeter, Plymouth, Tiverton, Worcester, &c.*

But after all, it must be owned, that notwithstanding the Number of Schools, and the Methods aforementioned, us'd very successfully for the Education of the Poor, whereon is daily bestowed much pious Care and great Expence, there are at present (and will be till the Poor shall be reformed by a better Education) more poor Children in divers Parishes than the richer sort of Inhabitants are able to educate, or at least set to work: Therefore, amongst the divers charitable and pious Designs that are at this Time prosecuted (with good Success) by People of all Sorts and Conditions, *zealous of good Works*, this present Design hath been propos'd and set forward as a kind of Charity very necessary and much wanted, and hath been particularly taken Notice of, encouraged and recommended by Her Majesty in Her most Gracious Letter to the Lords the Arch-Bishops of *Canterbury and York*, dated *Aug. 10, 1711.* wherein are these Words; "And forasmuch as the pious Instruction and Education of Children, is the surest Way of preserving and propagating the Knowledge and Practice of true Religion, it hath been very acceptable to us to hear, that, for the Attaining these good Ends, many Charity-Schools are now Erected throughout this Kingdom, by the liberal Contributions of our good Subjects; We do therefore earnestly recommend it to you, by all proper Ways to encourage and promote so excellent a Work, and to countenance and assist the Persons principally concerned in it, as they shall always be sure of our Protection and Favour." And the same Charitable Undertaking hath receiv'd great and eminent Tokens of Favour and Approbation from the Lords the Bishops, and the Reverend Clergy assembled in *Convocation*. And indeed these Schools are such a kind of Charity as, we have great Reason to hope, will (with God's Blessing) *bring forth, in due Season, the Fruit of good Living*, especially in those Places where the Magistrates do (as our Church prays they may) *truly and indifferently minister Justice, to the Punishment of Wickedness and Vice*; whereby the poor Children may be defended and guarded (in great part) from the Evil of bad Examples; and be more safe, by having many Temptations removed out of their Way.

The PRESENT STATE of the CHARITY-SCHOOLS in ENGLAND.

This Mark * denotes *either Schools set up since the last Year's Account, or not mentioned therein for want of Information.*

NOTE, *That many Places where Subscriptions are only begun, but not completed, and no Schools opened, are here omitted: That the Accounts are made generally as short as possible, and those formerly published, much abridged, to prevent the too great Bulk and Charge of the Work: And that the following Abbreviations are for the same Reasons very often made use of.*

App. for Apprentices.	G. Girls.
B. Boys.	Sch. School or Schools.
Cl. Cloathed	Serv. Servants, or Services.
Ch. Children.	Sub. Subscriptions.

A.

Avingdon, *Berkshire.* A Person has given 28 l. *per Annum*, for teaching 10 B. and 10 G. here. And another has given 34 l. 10 s. *per Ann.* for teaching and cloathing 6 B. till fit to be put out Appr. or Servants.

* *Aine, Northamptonshire.* A School for poor Ch.

Alcester, Warwickshire. A Charity-School.

Alton, Hampshire. 40 B. and 20 G. are taught to read, write, and cast Accompts. The G. also learn to sew, knit, &c.

* *Ambresbury, Wiltshire.* A Sch. erecting for 15 B. and 15 G. towards which is given a Legacy of 20 l. *per Ann.*

Amport, Hampshire. A Sch. for about 30 poor Ch.

Ampthill Bedfordshire. 13 poor Children taught, and the Sch. endowed.

Andover, Hampshire. Several poor Children taught at the Charge of some private Persons.

Appleby, Leicestershire. Sir John Moore, 1697, founded a School with a Salary to the Head-Master of 60 *l.* per Ann. to the Usher 40 *l.* per Ann. and to the Writing-Master 20 *l.* per Ann. and assigned very convenient Houses for them in a noble Structure.

Attley, Bedfordshire. 6 Children taught at the Expence of a private Person.

Ash, Kent. About 20 Ch. taught. Sub. about 12 *l.* per Ann.

Ashton near Dunstable, Northamptonshire. A Sch. endowed with 20 *l.* a Year. A School-House and Chappel built, opened at Midsummer 1708, by Mrs. *Jemima Creed*, deceased.

Ashtel, Hertfordshire. 14 B. and 11 G. taught by Contributions of divers of the Inhabitants.

Askew, Yorkshire. A private Person hath bequeathed 5 *l.* per Ann. for teaching 8 Ch. Inhabitants of this Town. See *Copgrave*.

Atleborough, Norfolk. A Rent-Charge of 6 *l.* a Year, left about 28 Years ago, for teaching 6 poor B. has been lately recovered by a Commission for charitable Uses, and applied for that Purpose.

Atterstone, Warwickshire. 20 Girls taught to read, knit, sew, and to spin Linen and Jersey.

* **Audley, Warwickshire.** A Charity School endowed with 10 *l.* per Annum.

B.

* **Badgeley, Warwickshire.** A Charity School endow'd with 4 *l.* 10 *s.* a Year; and 10 *s.* per Ann. to purchase Books.

* **Badminton, Gloucestershire.** A Charity-School built by a Lady of Quality, and endow'd by her with 6 *l.* per Ann. and a Load of Coals.

Bampton, Oxfordshire. 20 poor Children of *Aston* and *Cote*, taught at the Charge of a private Gentleman.

Banbury, Oxfordshire. 2 Sch. one for 30 B. and the other for 20 G. The Children are cloath'd. The Sub. 100 *l.* per Ann. augmented by 2 Legacies of 20 *l.* each; and 26 Ch. have been put out App. The Master's Salary is 25 *l.* and the Mistress's 12 *l.* 10 *s.* per Annum.

Barnstaple, Devonshire. 2 Sch. where 50 B. and 30 G. are taught and cloath'd. Sub. 100 *l.* a Year.

Basingstoke, Hampshire. A School for 12 Ch. at the Charge of the Skinners Company in *London*. And another Sch. for 24 G. clothed and taught at the Expence of a Lady of Quality.

Battel, Suffex. A School for 40 Children.

Barterley, Warwickshire. The poor Children are taught to read, catechiz'd, and brought orderly to Church.

Bath, Somersetshire. Here are 2 Sch. for 50 B. and 40 G. Cl. The Boys School was opened July 11. 1711. and the Girls School upon the 21st of December following, which is designed to be augmented to the Number of 50. These Schools are supported by Sub. of the Mayor and Corporation, and of others inhabiting this City, as well as by liberal Contributions of the *Quality* and *Gentry* who resort hither. Charity Sermons are preach'd for Collections at the *Abby-Church*; viz. 2 upon some one *Sunday* in the first Season, for the Benefit of the B. and 2 more upon a *Sunday* in the Second Season, for the G. Subscriptions 161*l.* per *Ann.* Contributions 65*l.* 3*s.* 9*d.* Collections at Church 173*l.* 11*d.* The B. are catechiz'd, and instructed in the Principles of Christian Religion, every *Sunday* and *Thursday* in the Sch. At which Exercises the poor old Men and Women of the Hospitals, and the Parents of the poor Ch. are invited to be present. And once a Quarter they are publicly examined before the *Trustees*, *Subscribers*, and other *Benefactors*, in the Town-Hall. The G. are likewise catechiz'd and instructed every *Sunday* Evening. 'Tis not to be express'd how great Proficiency the Ch. of these Schools have made in their Learning and Morals, in the short Space of Time that they have been so instructed. Also the common sort of the Inhabitants have not a little improv'd by the Influence of their Example. And the People of some neighbouring Parishes have been induced, by the Success of these Schools, to endeavour to set up others in their own Parishes, conformable to these.

Beaminster, Dorsetshire. A Sch. for teaching 20 B. And after 2 Lives, 30*l.* per *Ann.* settled, for the putting them out App. all at the Expence of a private Person.

Bedfont, Middlesex. A Sch. for 18 Ch. here, and at *Hatton* in the same Parish, being all that are fit to be taught, at the Charge of the Minister.

Bedford, Bedfordshire. A Sch. for about 40 Children. The Sub. about 20*l.* per *Ann.*

Beere-Regis, Dorsetshire. A Charity-School.

* **Bengworth, Worcestershire.** A Charity-School for 30 Boys taught, cloath'd, and maintain'd by a Legacy of 2000*l.* left by *John Deacle*, Woollen-Draper in *St. Paul's Church-Yard*, London.

* **Benwell, Northumberland.** The Proprietors of the Colliery there, have set up a Charity-School, to instruct 70 poor Ch. of the Plt-men in the Christian Religion, and in Reading, Writing, and Accòmpts.

* **Berkswell, Warwickshire.** A Charity-School for all the poor Children, being about 50. endow'd with 13*l.* per *Ann.*

* **Berkley, Gloucestershire.** A Charity-School.

Berthly, Yorkshire. A Sch. for the Cloathing, Lodging, and Dieting of 26 B. and 4 G. and for teaching them to read, write, call Accòmpts, and work, and for instructing them in the Knowledge

ledge of the Christian Religion. Also 6. B. and 4 G. are taught and cloath'd, but not maintain'd. The Justices of the Peace have given part of *their* publick Hall, and the Corporation a part of *theirs*, contiguous to the other, for lodging of the poor Children, which has cost about 250*l.* sitting up. Sub. about 190*l.* *per Ann.* A Poor's Box set near the School Door.

Beures St. Mary, Suffolk. A Sch. for 30 B. Sub. 20*l.* *per Annum.*

Birchington, Kent. 12*l.* *per Ann.* (amongst other Charities) left for teaching 12 B. and G. of this Parish and that of *Acole*, and for finding each a Bible at their leaving the Sch. &c.

Bigsleworth, Bedfordshire. A Lady gives 6*l.* *per Ann.* for teaching poor Children.

Bittsmorton, Worcestershire. Mr. Juice, late Rector, has left about 7*l.* a Year for teaching the poorest Children.

* **Bishops Cleeve, Hampshire.** 12 Boys taught to read, write, and cast Accompts.

Blenbury, Berkshire. A Gentleman having obliged his Executor to put 12 poor Ch. to Sch. and to find them Books for 10 Years, gave Rise to a Sch. here, which began at *Lady-Day* 1707, since which time the Sch. is mightily improv'd. The G. spin, knit, and sew, so that with a little Help, they spin and make up their own Cloaths. They are all cloathed in Green. The Sch. is open 20 Weeks in a Year, and every Child, who is absent a Day, forfeits 1*d.* out of what is allowed to each Child yearly; by which means the Sch. is kept pretty full. A Sermon is preach'd on this Charity the first *Tuesday* in *July* yearly.

Blockley, Worcestershire. A School-House, built by the Minister, on a Piece of Ground assigned for that Purpose by the Bishop. And a Gentleman hath given 100*l.* towards the Endowment of the Sch. The Interest whereof is applied to the teaching of 8 poor B. There is also 3*l.* a Year more given for teaching 8 poor B. and G. and 20*s.* a Year for Bibles and other Books.

* **Blocksom, Oxfordshire.** A Charity-School supported by a private Gentleman.

Bor, Wiltshire. About 30 poor Children are taught to read, write, and say the Catechism, and some short Collects out of the *Common-Prayer*, which the Master hears them say every Morning and Evening, as soon as they come, and before they leave the School; such as capable, are put to Knitting and Spinning; and all are supply'd with Books, chiefly by the Offertory. The Minister preaches a Charity Sermon every Year, and gives his Easter-Dues to the Design. Another Divine gives 40 Shillings a Year: And the Lady *Kachel Speke* has left 100*l.* which is put out to Interest, to be apply'd to such Uses, for the Benefit of the Sch. as the Minister of the Parish shall direct.

Bradfield, Essex. A Sch. for 20 Ch. Sub. 10*l.* per *Ann.* where is also a School-House and Accommodations for a Master built by a private Person.

* **Bradford, Wiltshire.** A Sch. opened last Jan. for 50 poor B. and G. upon a Sub of 15*l.* per *Ann.* procur'd, by the Blessing of God upon the great Industry of the Minister of that Place. Where also was given some Years since a Benefaction of 10*l.* which is now applied to the same Use. Another Sch. is kept at a Chappel of Ease in the same Parish, for 10 Ch. more, supported by a Gift of 10*l.* per *Ann.* and 20*s.* for Books. Which Gift was intended to provide for the Instruction of all the poor Ch. within that Tything.

Great **Bradley, Suffolk.** 24 poor Children taught by charitable Contributions.

* **Bray, Berks.** 4 Charity-Schools, in one whereof 16 B. are taught and cloath'd. In the other 3 Sch. are 45 Ch. some few little B. but most G. taught to read, write, sew, and knit. Sub. upwards of 60*l.* per *Ann.* And if any of the Money remains, after all the other Charges are defray'd, that is laid out towards putting B. out to App.

Bream, Gloucestershire. About 12 Years since a Gentlewoman bequeathed 50*l.* to be put out at Interest for the Teaching of poor Ch. With this Interest, and the Benefaction of a neighbouring Gentleman, a Sch. hath been ever since kept up here, in which there are 23 Children taught.

Brigham, Norfolk. The Ch. taught to read, &c. to which the Offertory is applied, and the rest is supplied by the Minister.

Brightbelmeston, Suffex. Here are 50 B. taught to read, write, cast Accompts, and the Art of Navigation: whereof 20 have been put out App. almost as many more to Service; and about 28 qualified for the Sea. The Sub. 40*l.* per *Ann.* A Sch. for 20 G. who are taught to read, and knit, and sew; out of which Sch. about 20 or 30 put to App. and Services.

Great **Brington, Northamptonshire.** A Sch. for 30 poor Children, set up in 1691. at the Charge of a noble Lord deceased, which hath been ever since continued by him that succeeded in the Honour, and a noble Lady of the same Family.

BRISTOL, At St. *Austin's* Back an Hospital built by a Gentleman, eminent for his great Charity, who hath also endow'd the same with 1300*l.* per *Ann.* for teaching and maintaining 100 B. each of whom is allowed 10*l.* to put him out to App. when he has been there 7 Years. And in *Temple-Parish*, the same Gentleman has built a House for a Sch. and for the Master, and endow'd it with 80*l.* per *Ann.* to be laid out in teaching and cloathing 40 B. There is also an Hospital upon *College-Green* for 40 B. taught, cloath'd, and maintain'd. And another of the same Nature for 40 G. in the same Place. Also a Sch. upon the *Key*, endow'd by the

Lady

Lady Holmorthy, wherein 8 Persons are instructed in the Art of Navigation. The Corporation for the Poor are at the Expence of teaching 40 B. and 35 G.

Broad-Winton, Wiltshire. The Minister teaches about 18 poor Children to read, and to repeat the Catechism, &c. They are catechiz'd 3 Times in private, and 3 Times in publick every Week; and learn an Exposition, as well as the Church-Catechism it self. There are likewise other Ch. taught by a Mistress, at the Charge of a private Person. And some Ch. in each of these Schools have been cloathed in part.

Broadway, Worcestershire. A Charity-School.

Bromsgrove, Worcestershire. A Sch. House and Dwelling-House for the Master, and 50*l.* per *Ann.* settled for teaching 12 B. cloathing them, and placing them out App. &c. The like at **Speckenhain.**

* **Great Buckham, Surry.** A Charity-School for 6 Boys and 2 Girls, at the Expence of a Lady of Quality.

Buckland Monachorum, Devonshire. A Ch. Sch. wherein are 12 B. Cl. and taught.

Buckland, Berkshire. Several poor Children put to Sch. at the Charge of the Minister.

Buckled, Suffex. A School for teaching 10 poor Children, at the Charge of the Rector.

Little Budwayh, Cheshire. A Sch. which a Lady lately deceased appointed in her Will, and gave a Legacy to, has been, since her Death, endowed by her Son with 15 or 20*l.* per *Ann.* for the Salary of the Master. And a School-House built.

Burton-Coggles, Lincolnshire. The Clerk teaches all the poor Children here, viz. 7 or 8 at the Charge of a private Person, and 6 at the Charge of the Minister.

Burrough-Green, Cambridgeshire. By the Contribution of a charitable Lady, and the Minister of the Place, with the Addition of 7*l.* left by a former Rector deceased; the poor Children are taught and cloath'd yearly, and one Child put out App.

Bury St. Edmunds, Suffolk. 3 Schools set up, one for 40 B. and 2 for 50 G. The Fund about 70*l.* per *Ann.* each of the B. are allow'd a Cap and 2 Neckcloths, and each of the G. 2 Coifs.

C.

Calne, Wiltshire. 40 B. taught and cloathed at the Charge of a private Person.

Cam, Gloucestershire. A Ch. Sch. supported at the sole Charge of a Lady of Quality.

CAMBRIDGE. Here are Sch. for teaching above 300 Children the Knowledge and Practice of the Christian Religion, and

other Things suitable to their Condition: 50 whereof are also cl. The Orders of these Sch. were approv'd by the late Bishop of the Diocese, who liberally contributed to these Sch. and the present Bishop continues the very same Contribution. The Care and Oversight of these Sch. is left to the Ministers and Lecturers, who catechize the Children once a Month. The Body of the University and Town assist and encourage this Design. Sub. about 230*l. per Ann.* Mr. Worts left 30*l. per Ann.* for the Maintenance of these Sch. for ever, and some of the Collegēs give their Communion-Money to these Sch.

Campden, Gloucestershire. A School erected and endowed by the Honourable *James Thynne Esq;* deceas'd, wherein about 30 poor Girls are taught to read, knit, and spin, &c. and are all cl. As also another School for teaching 24 poor Children to read; for which there is a Salary of 4*l. per Ann.* given to a Mistress by a private Gentleman.

Carleton, Yorkshire. A School-House built, and a Settlement of 18*l. per Ann.* made thereon by a Gentlewoman; 8 B. to be taught, and 4 cloath'd, and to be put out App. at 14 Years of Age.

CANTERBURY, Kent. A Sch. for 50 B. who are all cl. The Sub. about 50*l. per Ann.* Here is also a Sch. for 54 G. Sub. about 26*l. per Ann.* beside casual Benefactions.

* **Castle Bromwich, Warwickshire.** A Charity-School endowed with 4*l. per Ann.*

Catstoke, Dorsetshire. Here are 12 poor Ch. taught at the Charge of the Minister; and Bibles, Catechisms, and other good Books are given to the poor Inhabitants, and Children of this Place.

* **Catston, Wiltshire.** A School for 6 Ch. taught and supply'd with Books at the Charge of the Minister.

Chableworth, Berkshire. 10*l. per Annum* given by the Will of a private Gentlewoman, lately deceased, for a Sch.

* **Chaldecot, Warwickshire.** A School, on which there is settled 4*l. per Ann.* and a considerable Endowment to buy Bibles.

Cheale, Staffordshire. A Sch. endowed with 20*l. per Annum.*

CHESTER, 40 B. cl. and taught to read, write, cast Accounts, and the Catechism, &c. The 500*l.* formerly mentioned to be rais'd for a settled Fund, is now well secured, the City having engaged all their Revenue for that Purpose. They are endeavouring to erect a School-House and Hospital for the Master and Children, and to appropriate some Lands, that (after some Time) will come into their Disposal, for maintaining the same: The Sub. about 70*l. per Ann.* The Bishop lately deceas'd gave 100*l.* to this Sch. just before his Death, which makes part of the above-mentioned Fund. And the present Bishop is a great Promoter thereof.

* **Chevening, Kent.** A Sch. for teaching and cloathing 30 poor Children, who are obliged to accompany the Mistrefs Morning and Evening to the Church.

* **CHICHESTER, Suffex.** 2 Sch. are lately erected, one for 30 B. which are cl. taught to read, write, cast Accompts, and to repeat the Catechism. The Sub. is about 60 *l. per Ann.* Another for 20 G. cl. taught to read, write, and work with the Needle; the Sub. about 40 *l. per Ann.*

Chigwell, Essex. A Sch. for 10 G. Cl. Sub. 15 *l. per Annum*: Gifts 4 *l.* and 1 G. put out Apprentice.

Childrey, Berks. Several poor Children put to School at the Charge of a College in *Oxford*.

Chippenhams, Cambridgeshire. A noble Lord has built a Sch. which he will endow for the Education of all the poor Children in the Parish, 6 B. and 6 G. are Cl. yearly by the Sub. of the Minister and Inhabitants. Also 10 Ch. of **Freckenham** taught by Contribution.

Chippenhams, Wilts. Ten Boys put to School here by a Benefaction of 10 *l. per Ann.* in Land.

Cirencester, Gloucestershire. Here are about 90 poor Children taught. To this Use part of some standing Charities is applied, and part of the Offertory. The rest of the Charge is defrayed by private Contributions. The Minister examines the Children about their Improvement Quarterly. To each of which is given a Bible and Common-Prayer Book at their leaving the School.

* **Clevepepper, Wilts.** All the poor Children taught by the Minister *gratis*.

Clitworth, Berks. Here are 16 poor Ch. taught to read, &c.

Colehill, Warwickshire. The Under-master of the Grammar-Sch. teaches all the Ch. of the Parish to read *English*, and has 12 *l. per Ann.* allow'd him for that Service. In this Parish there is a Piece of Land, known by the Name of the *Pater-Noster Piece*, given by the Ancestors of the present Lord *Digby*, to encourage Children to learn the *Lord's-Prayer*. One Child comes every Morning to Church, at the Sound of a Bell, and on his Knees says the *Lord's-Prayer* in the Audience of the aforesaid Under-Master, who immediately rewards him with a Penny: Every House or Family knows when its Turn comes to send a Child, for they go in the Order their Houses are situated in the Town, and do not fail, whether they be Poor or Rich. Also a Person of Honour hath fitted up and given a House for another Sch. and is a good Benefactor thereunto: There are in this Sch. 21 G. cl. taught to read, knit, spin, and sew.

Colchester, Essex. 2 Sch. one for 70 B. the other for 50 B. and G. the Girls, besides reading, &c. are taught to knit and sew: The Children are in part clothed by their respective Benefactors, and the rest are distinguish'd by Caps and Bands. The Master has 30*l.* *per Ann.* with his Dwelling and Coals, and the Mistress 15*l.* with House and Coals. The Annual Sub. are considerable, beside which, the casual Benefactions within one Year last past, have amounted to 115*l.* 11*s.* 6*d.* The Trustees have laid out 140*l.* in the Purchase, and 92*l.* 5*s.* 3*d.* in the Repairs of some Buildings which they have fitted up for 2 Sch. and fair Dwellings for a Master and Mistress; and a Third Dwelling for another Master or Mistress, as the Schools shall increase.

Colnbrook, Bucks. Ten poor Children taught at the Expence of several charitable Persons.

* **St. Colomb, Cornwall.** 2 Sch. for 12 B. and 8 G. taught and clothed.

* **Comet and Clifton, Berks.** 27 Children taught.

Congeston, Leicestershire. A Sch. for 12 poor Children, at the Charge of the Minister and a private Gentleman.

Copgrave, Yorkshire. The same Person who bequeathed the Benefaction to Askew abovementioned, did likewise give the Sum of 20*l.* to be put out at Interest, for teaching 8 poor Children of this Town to read and write.

* **Cottingham, Hampshire.** 8 B. taught to read, write, and cast Accounts.

Cottingham, Leicestershire. The Minister here provides for teaching all the younger poor Children, and has furnished them with Books. They are brought regularly to Church, and are fully instructed in the Catechism by the Minister.

* **COVENTRY, Warwickshire.** 12 B. were taught and cloth'd here, by a Legacy of *Samuel Barber* of London. And about 2 Years since, *Samuel Billing*, a Trustee of the Charity aforesaid, gave 300*l.* in Money, and 18 *l.* *per Ann.* in Land, for cloathing, teaching, and putting out App. so many poor B. as the Annuity of the said Legacy will be sufficient to provide for in that manner.

* **Cranston, Berks.** The late Earl of *Randolph* built a Charity School with a Chappel, and all Conveniences for a Master and Mistress, and fitted up the said Sch. and furnish'd the Rooms with all sorts of Household Goods, necessary for the Master and Mistress, and allow'd a Set of Books for each of the Children, consisting of a Bible, *Whole Duty of Man*, and *Spelling-Book*; and has endow'd the said Sch. with an Estate in Ireland of 120*l.* *per Ann.* for teaching, cloathing, and putting out App. 20 B. and 20 G. of the *Foresters*, and other poor People in the neighbouring Villages.

Cranston, Middlesex. 20 poor Children taught to read, write, and cast Accounts, and provided with Books, and many of them cloth'd at the Charge of a Person of Quality.

Cranfield, Bedfordshire. A Sch. for about 20 Children, to which 3*l.* *per Annum* is bequeath'd for ever.

* **Crediton, Devonshire.** 40 B. taught and cloath'd. Sub. 8*ol.* *per Annum.*

* **Croft, Lincolnshire.** A Sub. of 10*l.* *per Ann.* towards a Charity School.

Croftin, Cumberland. A Sch. for poor Ch. but competent Contributions thereto are much wanted, and in the mean Time several Orphans and poor Children want necessary Instruction.

Crookhorn, Somersetshire. The Interest of 100*l.* yearly is left to this Place by the late Dr. *Hody*, for putting out a poor Ch. App.

Croxton, Cambridgeshire. All the poor Children are here taught at the Charge of a Minister and a Gentleman.

Croxton Kerial, Leicestershire. Here is a Sub. for teaching 8 Children.

Cuddesden, Oxfordshire. 12 poor Girls put to School at the Charge of the Bishop of the Diocese.

D.

Dainton, Northamptonshire. 30 Children put to School at the Charge of the Minister.

Darnhall, Cheshire. Here is a Sch. with Conveniency for a Master's Lodgings, &c. erected by a private Gentleman deceased, and Land of 25*l.* *per Annum* settled on it. The Gentleman's Mother having first by her Will given a Legacy of 200*l.* to encourage the Sch. the Interest whereof she employ'd that Way for divers Years before her Death.

* **Dabentry, Northamptonshire.** 8 Boys taught and cloath'd.

Deal, Kent. A Sch. for 27 B. and G.

Dean, Bedfordshire. Between 20 and 30*l.* *per Ann.* settled by a private Person, for teaching the poor Ch. of this, and 2 other Parishes.

* **Debham, Essex.** A Sch. founded by a private Person, who has given a convenient House and Garden to it; besides an Annuity of 40*s.* to which are added a few Sub. and some of the Parents pay for their Childrens Learning; so that 40 Ch. are here instructed according to the Methods us'd in other Ch. Sch.

Denton, Lincolnshire. A Sch. for 15 poor Ch. Sub. 10*l.* *per Ann.*

Depden, Suffolk. A Sch. for teaching all the poor Ch. here to read, &c. at the Charge of the Minister and Inhabitants.

Debetel Langbridge, Wiltshire. About 30 Ch. taught here, and at **Keinton Banfield, Somersetshire**, to which Use the Offer-tory is applied. Thereunto is added 4*l.* *per Ann.* by a private Person. And the Minister makes up the rest.

Devizes, Wilts. 75 B. instructed, 59 whereof are cloath'd. 10 of whom are so taught and cloath'd by the Charity of one private Gentleman.

* **Doddington, Oxfordshire.** 16 B. and 16 G. taught to read, and say the Catechism, for a 1d. a Week *per Head*, at the Expence of a private Gentleman.

Dotter, Herefordshire. A Charity School.

Dudley, Worcestershire. Ten Pound *per Ann.* being settled by a private Person toward a School, some Subscriptions advanced it to 20l. *per Ann.* for which 50 poor Boys are to be taught. And there are Hopes of cloathing many of them.

Dumbleton, Gloucestershire. A School erected at the Charge of the Lord of the Mannor, and the Minister of the Parish, for teaching all the poor Children to read, knit, and spin, which is performed by the Clerk of the Parish, and his Wife, encouraged thereto by a competent Salary added to the Perquisites of his Place.

Dunchurch, Warwickshire. A Sch. erected and endow'd by Mr. *Bowfen*, lately deceased, with 30l. *per Ann.* to teach the poor Ch. to read, write, &c.

Dummer, Hampshire. A Rent-Charge of 4l. for ever is given for teaching poor B. also the Interest of 20l. is appropriated to the giving away yearly 3 Bibles among the poor Ch.

Dunwich, Suffolk. Twenty Pound *per Annum* paid by a private Gentleman for a School.

DURHAM. 50 Boys maintained by the Dean and Chapter, taught in 4 Schools.

Durley, Gloucestershire. A School for 30 Children cloathed.

E.

* **East-pendred, Berks.** A Sch. erected for teaching all the poor Children at the Charge of the Rector.

* **East-pond, Surry.** A Sch. for 50 Ch. at the Expence of a Lady of Quality.

* **Easterling, Norfolk.** The poor Ch. taught to read, and to say the Catechism, partly by the Offertory, and the rest supplied by the Minister.

Ecclethall, Staffordshire. 100l. having been left to this Place by *William Jervase, Esq;* of *Newcastle under Line*, deceased; and the Interest thereof, together with the Contributions of the Bishop of the Diocese, and several Gentlemen, amounting now to about 30l. *per Ann.* 20 poor Girls are taught to read, knit, and spin, and to cloath themselves with the Cloth that is made; and if there be more than may suffice, to cloath the Girls, the Remainder is given to as many poor Boys as it holds out to cloath, there being also 20 poor B. taught to read.

and write; the Charge of whose Learning is defray'd out of the Offertory.

* **Edgworth, Middlesex.** See **Whitchurch.**

St. Edmunds Bury, Suffolk. See **Bury St. Edmunds.**

Engbam, Surry. About the Year 1706, 6000*l.* was bequeath'd to this Place, with which, besides several Alms-Houses, a School-House was built, and endowed with 40*l.* per *Ann.* for teaching 50 poor B. to read, write, and cast Accompts. In the Year 1707, another Gentleman bequeath'd 50*l.* per *Ann.* for ever, to put 5 poor B. of the said Parish out Apprentices every Year.

Elmbridge, Worcestershire. A School lately erected on *Gutnel-Green*, and endow'd with 11*l.* per *Ann.* for ever, for the teaching 30 Children of the Parishes of *Elmbridge* and *Kushock*, by a Gentleman, who has also given Bread to the Poor Weekly, to encourage their coming to Church.

Ely, Isle of Ely. A Sch. for the Education of all the poor Ch. for the upholding of which, a Gentleman has settled 2*cl.* per *Ann.* and made Provision for a Sermon to be preach'd on *St. Thomas's* Day yearly.

Elton, Huntingdonshire. A Sch. for teaching the poor Ch. here. The Sub. about 2*cl.* per *Ann.*

Ely, Cambridgeshire. 2 Schools, 1 for 40 B. the other for 20 G. Subscriptions about 47*l.* per *Ann.*

Embleton, Northumberland. A School built, and a House for a Master, also a Piece of Land purchased towards endowing it.

Empingham, Rutlandshire. 1*cl.* per *Ann.* left by a Gentleman, for teaching the poor Children here; and 50*l.* per *Ann.* more, for teaching the poor Children of 5 other Parishes in this Country, besides 20*l.* in Money for the same Use.

Epston, Surry. 40 B. part cloath'd, the Sub. are about 38*l.* per *Ann.*

* **Etwal, Derbyshire.** A Sch. for 6 Ch. at the Charge of a private Gentlewoman.

* **Evesham, Worcestershire.** Mr. *de Eagle* deceased, gave 1000*l.* for teaching and cloathing the poor Children of this Corporation.

Eyburth, Surry. All the poor Children whom their Parents will send to School, are taught to read, and to repeat the Church-Gatechism, and Prayers; also to write, and cast Accompts, at the Expence of the Minister: To defray part of which Charge, he has given 2 Palls to the Parish, the one whereof is lent at 2*s.* 6*d.* and the other at 12*d.* a Time, and the Money applied as aforesaid.

E. X. E. T. E. R. 3 Sch. are set up here, wherein are 100 B. and 50 Girls intirely cloathed, and taught to read, write, and cast Accompts, &c. They are examined every Sunday Evening in their Sch. The Girls are taught to sew and knit; and all the Children have

have Bibles, Common-Prayer Books; Spelling-Books, &c. The Sub- and Collections amount to about 250*l.* yearly. And another Sch. is lately erected for 50 Girls, which are at present only taught; but 'tis hop'd they will be cloath'd in a short Time.

Cerrincher, Devonshire. 12 poor Children taught, partly by the Offertory.

Ceton, Rutlandshire. Ten Pound *per Ann.* left by a Gentleman for teaching the poor Children here.

F.

* **Farnborough, Somersetshire.** A Charity School, chiefly supported by the Minister.

Farnham, Surry. A School. 35*l.* *per Ann.* subscribed.

Fickenham, Worcestershire. A School-House built and endowed with 50*l.* *per Annum* by Sir Thomas Cooke deceased. See **Bromsgrove.**

* **Finebor, alias Chingdon, Northamptonshire.** A School erected for the cloathing, lodging, and dieting of 20 Girls, and teaching them to read, write, and work. They go daily to Prayers at the Parish-Church. There is a Subscription of near 30*l.* *per Annum.* An House built, and arable Land purchas'd toward finding the Children Bread, (which the Farmers of the Town plough *gratis.*) They spin Jersey, which is made into Serge, for cloathing the Ch. of several Charity-Schools in London, and make up, by their Labour, what is wanting in the Sub. toward their Maintenance.

Folkenham, Lincolnshire. 10*l.* *per Ann.* settled for ever, for teaching poor Children.

* **Folkeworth, Huntingdonshire.** A Charity-School begun.

* **Fordham, Cambridgeshire.** A School for 30 Children.

Freckenham, Cambridgeshire. See **Chippennyham, Cambridgeshire.**

* **Froom, Somersetshire.** 50*l.* offer'd by a private Gentleman, towards erecting a School in this Town. See **Wellow.**

Fulwood, Lancashire. A School-House built; where all the poor Ch. are taught *gratis*, and to which 80*l.* has been left.

G.

Gateshead, in the Bishoprick of Durham. A School-House and 16*l.* *per Ann.* allowed by the late Rector there for teaching poor Children to read, write, the Catechism, and Navigation.

Gerards-Cross, Bucks. A School-House built by the late Earl of Portland. His Lordship also gave 3 Acres of Land; and 30*l.* a Year for teaching 20 B. and 15 G. The present Earl has made the Salary 40*l.* a Year, that 5 of his Servants may be also taught. The Ch. are cl. once a Year, and provided with Books, &c.

Glatton,

Clatton, Huntingdonshire. 12 B. taught and cloath'd, and Land of 8l. a Year settled: The Contribution was last Year 5l. 4s. 6d. given by 2 Persons.

Clemstord, Suffolk. 2 Schools for 40 Children.

G L O U C E S T E R, A School, where about 85 Children are taught, and 72 of them cloath'd. One of the Subscribers lately deceas'd, has left by Will 100l. to the said Sch. and 1000l. in Case his Son dies before he comes to Age, or dies without Issue.

Crain, Kent. 5l. per Ann. for ever bequeath'd for teaching the poor Children here.

Crantham, Lincolnshire. Here is about 30l. per Ann. subscrib'd, as an Augmentation to 12l. per Ann. formerly settled for teaching the poor Children here.

Greens Norton, Northamptonshire. About 20 poor Children taught here at the Charge of the Minister.

Creetham, Rutlandshire. 10l. per Ann. left by a Gentleman for teaching about 20 poor Children here.

Culborsford, Surry. 2 Schools for 30 B. and 20 G. supported by Sub. of about 60l. per Ann. together with the Offertory of the Parishes of St. Trinity and St. Nicholas.

H.

Hacheffon, Suffolk. Richard Porter, Esq; has by Will endow'd a School for 12 poor Boys. See **Barham Hacheffon.**

* **Hackleston, Wilts.** 10l. per Annum left towards erecting a Charity-School in this Place.

Halesworth, Suffolk. Richard Porter, Esq; has by Will settled a School for 20 poor Children.

Hallaton, Leicestershire. A Sub. for teaching poor Ch. A Gent. in London pays for 6 Boys and 2 Girls.

* **Hampton-Court, Herefordshire.** A School for 12 B. cloath'd at the Expence of a Noble Lord.

* **Hampton in Arden, Warwickshire.** A Charity-School endow'd with 20l. per Ann.

Hannington, Wiltshire. 12l. a Year allow'd by a Gentleman for teaching poor Children.

* **Harefield, Middlesex.** A Sch. for 10 B. and 10 G. cloath'd.

Harmston, Lincolnshire. A School erected for all the Children in the Village.

Haringworth, Northamptonshire. A Gentlewoman has given 2l. a Year for teaching poor Children.

Hartlebury, Worcestershire. 20 Ch. taught for 6l. per Ann. and 6 G. taught to read, knit, card, and spin, for 4s. per Month. A Lady also pays for the cloathing of 12 Girls, who likewise learn to read, work, &c.

* **Hartly, Hampshire.** See **Selbourn.**

Patley Cockain, Bedfordshire. Here are about 10 Children taught at the Expence of a private Person.

Partest, Suffolk. The 11th of October, 1709. here was opened a Sch. for 32 poor Ch. This Sch. and that of *Somerton* are join'd together, and increase daily.

Passings, Suffex. A Dissenter lately deceas'd, has bequeath'd 80*l. per Ann.* after 2 Year's Improvement, for the Education, &c. of the poor Children of this Place.

Patton. See *Bedfont*.

Patonby, Yorkshire. 8 Children taught by the Charity of several private Persons. Also a Sch. by Sub. for several other Children.

Patnes, Bedfordshire. A Gentlewoman of this Place hath left 50*l.* to be laid out in Lands for the teaching poor Ch. of this Parish.

Penlow, Bedfordshire. Here are about 10 Children taught at Expence of the Inhabitants.

* **HEREFORD,** 2 Schools for 60 Boys and 40 Girls cloath'd, supported by very liberal Sub. of Persons of Quality and others.

Hertford, A School erected by the Mayor, Aldermen, and Gentry, together with the Minister, for 40 Boys cloath'd; also about 20 poor Ch. taught at the Charge of an Honourable Person.

* **Heydon, Essex.** A Charity-School newly set up by the Rector, and other charitable Persons.

Hledgs, Derbyshire. All the poor Children are taught at the Expence of a private Gentleman.

Hitchin, Hertfordshire. 20 poor Boys taught *gratis*. They are all cloath'd at the Charge of a Person of Quality.

Holms Chappel, Cheshire. 4*l. per Ann.* settled for a Master to teach 10 poor B. of that Chappelry, or of the Parish of *Sanbach*. Some Bands, with Bibles, Coats and Caps, are allowed them.

Horne, Surry. All the poor Children in the Parish are taught *gratis* by the Minister.

Horsebeath, Cambridgeshire. Here is 12*l.* a Year Sub. for the Education of the Poor of that, and a neighbouring Parish.

Horsehead Keynes, Suffex. A Gentleman has built an House, and settled upon it 20*l. per Ann.* Tax-free, for the Maintenance of a School-Master, to teach 20 poor Boys, with Leave to teach 20 Children more for his additional Income.

* **Little Houghton, Northamptonshire.** 12*l. per Ann.* left by a private Person 1669, for teaching the poor Children of this Place.

Hounslow, Middlesex. 12 Boys taught and cloath'd; chiefly by the Offertory.

Pull. See *Kingston*.

Bunsinget, Yorkshire. The Lord of the Manour allows 6*l. per Annum* for the Instruction of 12 poor Children.

Buntingdon, Huntingdonshire. Here are some poor Children taught at the Expence of a private Person.

Burst, Berks. Here are 14 poor Children taught.

Bus-

Husbands-bosworth, Leicestershire. A School is set up for the poor Ch. of the whole Town. The Master has a House and Salary of 16*l.* *per Ann.* The Minister instructs the Children in the Catechism every Sunday.

Huntley, Gloucestershire. The Minister puts 10 poor Children to School here at his own Charge.

I.

Ipswich, Suffolk. A few Persons maintain 30 poor Ch. at Sch. and have bound out several to Trades, and to the Sea. There are 2 other Sch. here; 1 for 40 B. who are cloath'd, and will be put out App. as they grow fit. The other Sch. is for 32 G. cloath'd. The Sub. are about 100 *l.* and there is a Sermon preach'd on the Occasion before the Subscribers, at each Quarterly Meeting.

Isleham, Cambridgeshire. 24 poor Children taught by the Contributions of some particular Persons.

Itip, Oxfordshire. The Minister has for many Years paid for the teaching 15 poor Ch. here, and given 10*l.* *per Ann.* for putting 2 of the said Ch. out App. every Year, and has purchased Lands to make this Charity perpetual.

Iver, Buckinghamshire. A Sch. here for teaching the poor Ch.

K.

Kainston, Somersetshire. 20 poor Ch. taught, a good House, and 5*l.* *per Ann.* allow'd for its Repair, and a Salary of 20*l.* *per Ann.* for the Master, all at the Charge of a Person of Quality.

Keinton, Somersetshire. Several poor Children are here put to School, at the Charge of the Minister. See **Devereux Longbridge.**

Kennet, Cambridgeshire. A School maintained by the Offertory, and some Contributions.

Kettering, Northamptonshire. 10*l.* *per Annum* for ever left towards the Support of a Sch. which is for 40 G. cloathed. The Sub. are about 50*l.* *per Annum.*

Kidderminster, Worcestershire. A convenient House is fitted up for a Sch. for 40 B. who are taught and cloath'd. There are also about 20 poor Ch. taught at 2 other Sch. The Sub. is 30*l.* *per Ann.* The rest has been made up providentially by other Benefactions. See **Wotton.**

Kilmersdon, Somersetshire. A Sch. for 40 Ch. The Master's Salary is 20*l.* *per Ann.* Books are provided for the Children. All at the Expence of a private Person, who has endow'd it with 20 *l.* *per Ann.* for ever after his Decease. A School-House lately built by the same Person, with the Assistance of the Inhabitants and others.

* **Kingsbury, Warwickshire.** A Charity School for 10 G. to be chosen out of *Kingsbury* and *Maston*.

Kington upon Hull, Yorkshire. A School or Work-House, founded by Act of Parliament. The Hospital, where the Children are, cost 600*l.* The Number is at present about 45 wholly maintain'd, and taught to read, write, and spin Wool, and every *Sunday* catechiz'd in the Church. The Ch. are so mainrained by voluntary Sub. and charitable Gifts; particularly *George Ellis*, Esq; lately deceas'd, gave 100*l.* which being laid out for Land, brings them in 6*l.* per *Ann.* In less than ten Years they have put out 50 B. and 30 G. Also 20 Ch. more are only taught here to read *gratis*.

Kingswood, Gloucestershire. A Sch. founded and maintained by a Gentleman for all the poor Ch. upon which is settled 30*l.* per *Annum*.

Kirk Deighton, Yorkshire. 7*l.* per *Ann.* given by 3 Persons for a School here.

Kirkby Overblows, Yorkshire. A Sch. House built here in 1708.

Kitleatham in Cleaveland, Yorkshire. A School-House, &c. built, which cost about 1000*l.* The School-Master's Salary 100*l.* and the Usher's 50*l.* per *Annum*, as ordered by the Will of Sir *William Turner* Knight, not long since Lord Mayor of *London*.

L.

Laberton, Gloucestershire. A School for 20 B. endow'd with 20*l.* a Year by a private Gent.

* **Little Laintol, Herefordshire.** A Sch. anciently endow'd with 11*l.* per *Ann.* but much neglected of late.

Long Laintol, Herefordshire. 14*l.* per *Ann.* settled for teaching poor Children, at the Expence of a private Person.

Lanceston, Cornwall. 2 Sch. for 48 Ch. The B. are taught to read, write, &c. and the G. to read, knit, sew, and make Bone-Lace, and they are to have what they earn for their Encouragement. The Sub. are about 30*l.* per *Ann.*

Langham, Rutlandshire. 10*l.* per *Annum* is left by a Gentleman for teaching the poor Children.

* **Leamington, Warwickshire.** A Sch. for 10 Ch. endow'd by a Lady deceased.

* **Leatherhead, Surry.** A Sch. for 10 B. and 11 G. taught and cloath'd. Sub. 22*l.* per *Annum*.

Lebbury, Herefordshire. Mrs. *Hall* deceased has built a School, and given 15*l.* a Year to it. The Number of poor Children is 23. And 30 more are here taught at the Charge of an unknown Person.

Leeds, Yorkshire. A School for 28 B. and 12 G. The Fund is about 208*l.* per *Ann.* namely, 20*l.* per *Ann.* out of the Collection at the Communion; 20*l.* per *Ann.* from the Feoffees, for cloathing the Poor

Poor of the Town; and the rest is made by Sub. of the Magistrates and Inhabitants. The Corporation gave a large House for a Sch. and Supplies for repairing and fitting it up. A Gentleman intends to settle on it 6*l.* a Year for ever. A Merchant has given 50*l.* and another Gentleman 50*l.* which has purchas'd 8*l.* per Ann. and another Merchant 100*l.* A Dissenter lately gave to it 10*l.* by Will.

Leicester, 24 B. taught and cloath'd at the Expence of a private Gentlewoman. And 10 poor G. taught and cloath'd at the Expence of 2 others.

Letch, *Worcestershire*. A School endow'd with 13*l.* per Ann.

Leighton, *Bedfordshire*. 7 Children taught at the Expence of a private Person; and 10*l.* per Annum lately given for the Education of other poor Children.

Liverpool, *Lancashire*. A Sch. for 50 poor Children taught and cloath'd. A School-House built, with Lodgings for the Master.

* **Lewes**, *Suffex*. A Sch. opened in May 1711. for 20 B. cl. at the Charge of a private Gent. and another Gentleman pays for the teaching of 5 B. more, who are not cloathed.

* **Lidbury**, *Shropshire*. A Sch. for all the poor Children of the Parish, founded by Mr. Shipman, who was Servant to a Gentleman in that Parish, and gave 200*l.* to this good Use, the Interest of which Money is constantly paid by the Descendents of the Gentleman whom Mr. Shipman serv'd.

Great Linford, *Bucks*. Here is a School House built, and 10*l.* per Ann. settled by a private Gentleman, to teach all the poor Ch. of this Parish to read, write, &c.

LINCOLN. 4 Schools; wherein 120 poor Ch. are taught: The Sub. is about 73*l.* per Ann. These 4 Sch. are all taught by the Widows of Clergymen, viz. 30 Children in each School.

* **LITCHFIELD**, *Staffordshire*. 2 Sch. for 30 Boys and 18 Girls taught and cloath'd.

* **Longcote**, *Berks*. A Sch. for 24 Children; where each Child, when he is qualified to leave the School, has a Bible, Common-Prayer-Book, the Whole Duty of Man, and some other Books of Devotion given to him.

* **Low Leyton**, *Essex*. A Sch. for 14 B. viz. 7 of *Leyton*, and 7 of *Waltham-Stow*. Founded on a charitable Benefaction given by Will some Years ago, and lately rescued, and settled by Law. Since which Time, 6 of the Boys are cloathed at the Charge of a private Gentleman.

Luton, *Herefordshire*. Here is a Free-School lately founded by Mr. John Pierrepont, for Instruction of Children in Religion, Grammar-Learning, Writing, Arithmetick, and Mensuration. The Governours whereof were incorporated by an Act of Parliament, Anno 1709. The School is endow'd with an Estate of about 306*l.* per Ann.

Ann. Tax-free, to be applied as follows; *viz.* to the Schoolmaster 70*l.* *per Ann.* To the Usher 40*l.* *per Ann.* To a Writing-Master 40*l.* *per Ann.* To put out 6 Apprentices yearly 30*l.* To be laid out in Books of Piety to be given to each Apprentice 6*l.* *per Ann.* To set up six Apprentices yearly, if they appear by Certificates to have serv'd their Time faithfully, and to be of the Communion of the Church of *England*, 60*l.* Also Exhibitions are to be allow'd to 3 Scholars, studying either at *Oxford* or *Cambridge*; which will amount to 60*l.* *per Ann.* Besides several Acres of Land for Pasture, &c. on part whereof the worthy Founder hath expended about 1500*l.* in building the School-House, and other Houses, and in walling in, planting, and making a Garden and other Conveniences; also a Gallery is made in the Chappel of *Liston* for the Boys, and a Pew for the Master and his Family. About 70 Boys belonging to that, and some neighbouring Parishes and Chappels, are taught in this School.

M.

Madresfield, *Worcestershire*. A Gentlewoman left the Interest of 150*l.* for ever, for teaching poor Ch. and some more are taught by private Charity.

Maidenhead, *Berkshire*. Two Persons have subscribed 10*l.* *per Ann.* for teaching 9 poor Children; about 6 have been put App. and the Charity is now made perpetual. The Offertory is applied to the teaching of 10 Ch. more.

* **Maiden Newton**, *Dorsetshire*. Several poor Ch. put to Sch. by the Minister, and other private Persons.

* **Maidston**, *Kent*. 4 Charity-Schools, *viz.* one for 30 Boys cloath'd. Another for 30 Girls cloath'd. Sub. 100*l.* *per Ann.* A 3*d* School for 20 B. not cloath'd; and a 4*th*, for 20 G. not cloath'd, supported by private Contributions. The Minister visits all these Sch. once a Week, and catechizes and expounds every *Wednesday*. And 'tis observ'd, that the Manners of all the Ch. in the Town are visibly chang'd for the better, notwithstanding that all these 4 Sch. have been set up within the Compass of one Year past.

Maldon, *Shropshire*. A Sch. for 35 poor Ch. 'Tis well encouraged for a Beginning, and likely to improve under the present Management. There is a Sch. set up in another Part of the Parish for teaching 6 Ch.

Malden or Munden, *Essex*. 6*l.* *per Ann.* for ever bequeath'd for teaching 6 poor Ch. here, and 40*s.* by the same Person to each of them towards their cloathing.

* **Manchester**, *Warwickshire*. A Sch. endow'd with 10*l.* *per Ann.*

Manchester, *Lancashire*. 40 poor Ch. taught to read, write, &c. The Master hath 1*d.* *per Week* for each Child, and his School-Rent paid. Another School is set up for 40 more, by charitable Contributions.

Market-Labington, Wiltshire. 36 Children taught, and Books given them. And the Girls knit and sew.

Market-Tolleston, Suffolk. The poor Children are taught at the Charge of a worthy Gentleman.

* **Marston, Warwickshire.** See **Kingsbury.**

* **Marston, Yorkshire.** A School lately erected and endowed.

Martlesham, Suffolk. Several poor Children taught, and supplied with Bibles, and other good Books.

* **Mashfield, Gloucestershire.** 12 poor Children taught at the Expence of Lord of the Manour.

Maulthby, Lincolnshire. About 11*l.* per *Ann.* for ever given to teach the poor Children.

Mayfield, Sussex. Here is a Charity-School.

Medmenham, Buckinghamshire. 5 poor Children taught.

Melbourn, Derbyshire. About 12 poor Girls taught to read, and work, at the Expence of a private Person; and cloath'd.

Mepsal, Bedfordshire. 12 Children taught, and the School lately endow'd.

Mereby, Derbyshire. See **Smalley.**

* **Middleton, Warwickshire.** A Sch. for 10 Ch. with a School-House near the Church, endow'd with 4*l.* per *Ann.* and 20 *s.* per *Ann.* to purchase Bibles to be given the Ch. when they can read perfectly, or are put out App.

* **Mitching-Hampton, Gloucestershire.** 9 Children taught.

* **Mitton, Worcestershire,** is a Chappel of Ease to *Kidderminster*, where 6 Ch. are taught at the Expence of a Gentlewoman.

* **Mixbury, Oxfordshire.** Most of the poor Children taught at the Charge of the Rector.

Moumouth, Monmouthshire. Besides the Sch. formerly mentioned to be set up here by a Lady of Quality, there are 2 other Sch. one for B. only, who are taught to read and write; and the other for B. and G. who are taught to read by 2 Mistresses. And in these 2 Sch. are above 60 Ch. taught, to which there is near 40*l.* per *Ann.* subscribed; Coats and Caps are designed for the B. and Gowns and Coifs for the G. and 14 poor B. have been put out to honest Trades with the Offertory.

Morvel, Cornwall. A Gentleman has given a House and Garden, with 8*l.* per *Ann.* for ever, for teaching poor Children.

* **Much Bartel, Herefordshire.** A School for 20 Boys, who are taught at the Charge of a private Gentleman.

Mulsoe, Buckinghamshire. 6*l.* per *Ann.* for teaching poor Ch.

N.

Nantwich, Cheshire. 40 B. taught, who wear Blue Caps, that their Behaviour may be the better observed abroad. The Master's Salary is 10*l.* a Year, paid by 2 Ladies. The Minister hath set

set up another for 30 G. the Charge of whose Education is defray'd out of the Offertory.

* **St. Neot's, Huntingdonshire.** A Ch. Sch. open'd Jan. 24, 1711. for 30 Ch. erected chiefly by the Minister, and the Religious Society in that Place.

Newbury, Berkshire. A Sch. for 40 B. whereof 35 are cloathed. Endowed by the Corporation with 40*l.* per Ann. A Gentleman has settled an Estate of 25*l.* per Ann. for teaching and cloathing 10 of the said Ch. and supplying them with Books. 5 more cloath'd and taught by private Charity. Part of the Offertory is appropriated to the Use of the School. There is the Effigies of a Charity Boy, with a Poor's Box, set up at the Entrance into the Church, which has well answered the End of setting it up. Some of the Boys have been App.

New Castle upon Tyne, Northumberland. A Gentleman has settled 20*l.* per Ann. for ever, for the Education of 44 poor Ch. of St. John's Parish, cl. 20 of whom are Girls. The Master, beside his Salary, has a House, which is settled for the Use of that Sch. for ever, by the Corporation. 40*s.* per Ann. is set apart for Books, and 40*s.* more for binding Boys out App. 7 of whom have been already put out. A Legacy of 100*l.* is left to this School; and the Sub. this Year amount to 37*l.* 5*s.* 3*d.* The Collections at Church came to 18*l.* 2*s.* 7*d.* In the Parishes of St. Nicholas and St. John are 2 Sch. more, for the Maintenance whereof, a Gentlewoman deceased has settled 60*l.* per Ann. for ever; in one, 40 B. are taught; in the other, 20 Girls. In the Parish of St. Andrew, 30 Boys are instructed, by a 3*d.* part of 1000*l.* left to pious Uses: and 15 have been put out App. 87 Girls and 3 Boys are taught to spin, at the yearly Expence of the Corporation, and a considerable Number at the Charge of private Persons. And in the Parish of *All-hallows*, 72 Children cloath'd, 19 of whom are Girls. Every Subscriber to this Charity may cloath and send either a Boy or G. as he pleases. Sub. about 99*l.* per Ann. Collections 23*l.* 14*s.* Also 3*l.* 16*s.* 4*d.* and the Interest of 40*l.* given to the Sch. is to put Children App. And a private Gentleman pays for the teaching of 4 Children, to make up the Number of 300 Ch. in all these Sch.

Newent, Gloucestershire. 2 Sch. wherein 50 Ch. are taught.

Newland, Gloucestershire. Here are 6 Sch. wherein are about 108 poor Ch. 25 of the Poorest well cloath'd. All this done by a Sub. under 28*l.* and some accidental Benefactions. A Girl lately of this Sch. taught her Grandfather to read.

New Market, Suffolk. 2 Sch. 20 B. and 20 G. supported by 50*l.* a Year of Her Majesty's Gift.

Newport Pagnel, Bucks. Here are some poor Children taught to work, and some Subscriptions towards a Sch.

* **Newton, Hampshire.** See **Seibourn.**

Newton-Park, Somersetshire. A Master has 10*l.* per Annum for teaching all the poor Children of the Parish.

Neyland, Suffolk. A Sch. for 30 B. (*viz.* 30 of *Neyland*, and 10 of *Stoke*) part cloath'd. The Sub. are 30*l.* per Ann. And at the Quarterly Meetings of the Subscribers, there is a Sermon, and the Children of this Sch. and of that at *Stoke-Neyland*, are publickly examined.

Neyland, alias Stok-Neyland, Suffolk. A School for 20 G. for which 10*l.* per Ann. is paid by the Ladies.

Northampton, Northamptonshire. A Sch. for 30 Boys cloath'd, endowed with 80*l.* per Ann. being the *George-Inn*, part of the Estate left to pious Uses, by *John Dryden, Esq;* deceased.

Northmimes, Hertfordshire. A Sch. for 14 B. cloath'd, to be put out App. 12 Girls kept at School at the Expence of a young Gentlewoman.

Northwich, Cheshire. A Person did lately bequeath a House for a School-Master, and 700*l.* for purchasing Land to be settled for the teaching of 10 Boys to read, write, and cast Accompts.

Northwold, Norfolk. A School for teaching all the poor Children of the Town.

* **Norton, Shropshire.** A Charity School for 6 Children.

NORWICH. Here are 8 Sch. wherein are now 230 B. and 2 Sch. for G. wherein are about 40, in all 270. And 80 of the B. are cloathed, and the rest have Caps and Bands. The Sub. amount to about 200*l.* besides Collections at Sermons. These Schools have had a generous Benefaction by the Wills of 2 Widow Gentlewomen deceased.

Nottingham. A School for 25 B. and 15 G. cloathed, maintained by Sub. and a yearly Sermon. There is Hopes of Endowment, a Foundation being already laid by a late Benefactress; 8 other Children are taught in the same School, but not cloathed, and 20 more at other Schools, towards which part of the Offertory is allowed.

O.

Okeham, Rutlandshire. A School open'd about *Michaelmas* 1711, for 12 Boys and 12 Girls, cl. who have 1*l.* 4*s.* 6*d.* a Week allow'd towards their Diet. Sub. about 160*l.* per Ann. 60*l.* whereof is subscribed by a noble Lord, who has promised to continue the same Benefaction yearly, for the Encouragement of others, as well as for the Benefit of the School. The Girls sew, knit, and spin. Also a Gentleman has left 10*l.* a Year for putting out the poor Children of this Town, and 10*l.* per Ann. apiece to five other Towns in this County; namely, *Empingham, Exton, Greetham, Langham, and Thistleton.*

Wotton, Hampshire. About 11 Years ago, a Tradesman of this Place gave 600*l.* for a School for 30 poor Boys, and the Charity is since increased.

Shrewsbury, Shropshire. 40 Children cloath'd and taught by a Mistress to read, and to give an Account of Mr. Lewis's Exposition, and the Abridgement of the History of the Bible by Heart, besides Mr. Turner's Spelling-Book, and the Catechism broke into short Questions. And when any Ch. can perform all this, the Mistress hath a Reward of 7*s.* 6*d.* After which the B. are sent to a Master, who teaches them to write and cipher by the great, for 5*s.* a Head, which is paid as soon as they have made such Progress as the Minister judges sufficient for their Purpose. But the G. are taught to spin, knit, and sew, for 10*s.* each. And these Rates are allowed for their Learning, whether the Time be long or short. To put them forwards, 20 are set to strive against 20 for Shoes; and the 20 that get most of the Exposition, and other Books by Heart, have Shoes. Then there remain 10 against 10, and so on, till they are shod all round. A Shift is hung up in the School for the best Spinner, a Head-dress for the best Sewer, a Pair of Stockings for the best Knitter, a Bible for the best Reader, and a Copy-Book for the best Writer. Sub. about 10*l.* per Ann. besides the Offertory of 7 or 8*l.* more.

* **Overwallop, Hampshire.** All the poor Children in the Parish are kept at School by the Rector.

* **Dundle, Northamptonshire.** A Sch. for 30 Boys cloath'd, and another for Girls.

Drenhall, Gloucestershire. 20 poor Children taught in 2 Sch. at the Charge of one Person.

O X F O R D. 1. In St. Peter's Parish in the East. A Sch. for 54 B. cl. in Grey. The Trustees are the Vice-Chancellor and Proctors, and several Heads of Houses. The Sub. about 250*l.* per Ann. 13 B. have been put out App. By a printed Account it appears, that from 1707, to 1709, the Receipts amounted to 454*l.* 17*s.* and the Disbursements to 319*l.* 8*s.*

2. In St. Martin's Parish. A Sch. for 50 B. cloathed in Blue, set up by the City. The Trustees whereof are the Mayor and Aldermen, with 4 of the principal Subscribers. Some Money formerly left for putting out Children, has been applied to the apprenticing Boys out of this Sch. Sub. about 110*l.* per Ann. 4 have been put out App. and one of the Sub. is pleased to take one of the Boys every Sunday with him to Dinner.

3. In St. Martin's Parish. A Sch. for 40 G. cloathed in Blue. The Charge whereof is defrayed by the Advancement of Half a Poor's Rate yearly. They knit their own, and the Boys Stockings. The Trustees are the same as for the City Boys

School. N. B. *The City have set up Galleries in this Church for their said Schools.*

4. In St. Michael's Parish. A School for 60 G. maintained at the Charge of several private Members of the University. The Sub. about 60*l.* per Ann.
5. In St. Thomas's Parish. A School-House built at 209*l.* Expence, by a private Person, for the Use of which, the Master teaches 10 B. gratis. N. B. *There are at several other Schools, about 30 poor Children taught at the Charge of private Persons.*

P.

* **Paington, Devon.** A Sch. erected here, encouraged by 2 Gent. successive Lords of the Manour, who laid out 150*l.* upon an Estate; the yearly Rent whereof is appropriated to this good Use, and every Year 1 Child is to be put out Apprentice.

* **Painstwick, Gloucestershire.** A Sch. for 11 Children.

* **Palgrave, Suffolk.** A School opened Christmas 1710, for 14 Boys taught, cloath'd, and supply'd with Books, and about 10 more only taught. The Subscriptions, Collections, and other Contributions, amounted in the Year 1711. to better than 40*l.* and there is Reason to hope, that this School will be well kept up.

* **Parham Bacheffen, Suffolk.** A School founded by Richard Porter Esq; deceas'd, for 12 Boys of this and the Parish of Parham, with a Dwelling for the Master.

* **Peasemore, Berks.** All the poor Children are taught at the Charge of the Minister of the Parish.

PETERBOROUGH. A charitable Person of this Place has set up a School, wherein 20 poor B. are taught, who are to be put out App. He has appropriated a good House to this Use, and settled a yearly Allowance for the Master, and given a good Estate in Lands to the Sch. Another Sch. where about 40 Ch. are taught to spin and read. The Charge of whose Learning is chiefly defrayed by their own Labour.

* **Plimouth, Devon.** A Charity School lately set up for 20 Ch. with a Prospect of increas'g.

* **Polestworth, Warwickshire.** A Sch. endow'd with 30*l.* per Ann. for teaching all the poor Children, to whom 20 Bibles are given yearly, by a Settlement for ever.

* **Polpertha near Looe, Cornwall.** A School for teaching as many poor Girls, as the Interest of 100*l.* left by Legacy, will pay for.

* **Pontefract, Yorkshire.** A Person of Honour has given the Corporation 200*l.* the Interest whereof is to be applied towards the supporting of a Charity School.

Pool, Dorsetshire. A School erected *Anno* 1700. by a Person of Quality, who has endow'd it with 20*l.* *per Ann.* during Pleasure; for teaching 20 Boys to read, write, and cast Accompts.

* **Poterne, Wilts.** A Sch. for poor Ch. lately erected by the earnest Endeavours of the Minister, encouraged by Sub. of some charitable Benefactors at *London*.

Preston, Lancashire. Here are 2 Sch. 1 for 25 poor Boys, and another for 25 Girls. The B. Sch. has a Competency for a Master. This School is supported by some charitable Persons in the Town.

Prestbury, Gloucestershire. A School for teaching all the poor Children, and putting them Apprentices.

* **Pucklerchurch, Gloucestershire.** A Charity School here.

R.

* **Randwick, Gloucestershire.** A School for 8 poor Children.

Reading, Berkshire. A School for about 30 Boys, the Subscriptions about 20*l.* *per Annum.* Here is another Sch. erected by Mr. *Malthus*, late Merchant in *London*, for 10 Boys, and endow'd with 90*l.* *per Ann.* for teaching, cloathing, and wholly maintaining the said Children, till fit for Trades.

Reavey, Yorkshire. A School for the poor Children, with Lands of the clear yearly Value of 13*l.* given for the Payment of the Master, by a private Person.

Reinton, Somersetshire. A School here.

* **Rickmersworth, Hertfordshire.** A School for 20 B. and 10 G. supported by Subscription of the Minister, his Parishioners, and other Neighbours, to which one Gentleman has sent 30 Bibles, others 30 Common-Prayer Books, and others several Expositions upon the Church-Catechism.

Ringmere, Suffex. A School for 12 Boys and 6 Girls, endowed with 10*l.* *per Ann.* for ever.

Riple, Worcestershire. The Minister has set up a Sch. here for 20 B.

Ripley, Yorkshire. A Lady built and endowed a Sch. with 25*l.* *per Ann.* clear to the Master, chiefly for teaching the Ch. of this Parish.

Risling, Derbyshire. The Honourable Mr. *Grey* deceas'd, (amongst other Charities) erected a School here for the Instruction of all the poor Children of this Parish.

* **Riverhead, Kent.** A School for 12 Boys taught and cloath'd.

Robbborough, Gloucestershire. 20 Children taught. The Sub. is 10*l.* *per Ann.* There is 250*l.* given by a Clothier deceas'd, for the Instruction of poor Children, and 35*l.* by 3 other Persons. All which is laid out in Land. 100*l.* given by another Clothier, for Cloathing, Books, and teaching of 3 poor Boys, besides the private Contributions.

Ross, Herefordshire. 2 Sch. 1 for 30 B. another for 24 Girls cloath'd. The Sub. is 100*l.* *per Ann.* and upwards, 20*l.* whereof
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by a noble Lord. 6 B. and 3 G. have been put out App. since the first opening of the Sch.

Rothbury, Northumberland. A Sch. erected, and 100 Ch. taught.

Rotherham, Yorkshire. A Sch. for teaching and cl. 42 poor Ch. maintained by a Person of Honour, who has laid out 130 l. in Land towards endowing it.

Rowley Regis, Staffordshire. A School endowed by a Lady deceased, with 10 l. *per Ann.* for ever, to teach 20 Boys.

* **Rusham, Suffolk.** A Sch. for teaching the poor Ch. to read, write, and cast Accompts, supported at the Charge of the Ministers and chief Inhabitants of *Rusham* and *Bradfield St. George*.

Rugby, Warwickshire. A Sch. erected and endowed some time since by Mr. *Elbow* lately deceased, for teaching 15 B. and 15 G. The Children are under a very pious Discipline, and are cl. against *Good-Friday* yearly

Rumford, Essex. A Sch. for 40 B. and 20 G. they are taught, and in part cl. Sub. about 70 l. *per Ann.* The Master and Mistress have 35 l. a Year.

Rushington, near Lincoln. Mr. *Chamberlain* deceased has left 40 s. *per Ann.* to teach 5 poor Ch. in this Town.

Rye, Sussex. 12 poor B. and G. maintained at Sch. (with an Addition of some Work) by Monies collected at the Sacrament, and some private Charities.

S.

SALISBURY, Wiltshire. Here are 3 Sch. *viz.* 1. for 50 Ch. taught and cl. where the G. knit, spin, and card, some earning 1 s. others 18 d. *per Week.* The whole Expende of this Sch. is defrayed by the Bishop of the Diocese, who frequently visits and catechizes the Ch. and sets them Portions of Scripture to get by Heart, which he sees performed himself, and then rewards and encourages their Diligence, by giving them Common-Prayer Books, Money, &c. Likewise Mrs. *Poply* having given 80 l. *per Ann.* the Mayor and Corporation erected a Work-House, wherein 20 poor Ch. were maintained, cl. taught to work, and put out App. but not taught to read till several of the Companies, and other well-dispos'd Persons, subscribing about 50 l. *per Ann.* and 1 Gentleman giving the Sum of 500 l. those 20 Ch. beforementioned, together with 50 others cloath'd in a different Habit, were taught not only to work, but to read, &c. being kept in the Sch. only 3 Years; and here several poor People have Work. Also in *St. Edmund's* Parish are 50 Ch. cl. and taught to read, write, and cast Accompts: To which Sch. the Dean, Canons, and divers Gentlemen have subscribed upwards of 60 l. of which the Master receives 20 l. *per Ann.* and

and a Woman that teaches 30 Ch. to spin, has 4s. a Week, and their Parents have what is earned by each Child.

* **Sanbach, Cheshire.** See **Poling Chappel.**

Sandhurst, Gloucestershire. A Sch. with a small Sub. and about 20 Ch. taught.

* **Sandwich, Kent.** Here are 2 Sch. 1. for 25 B. and the other for 25 G. erected in January 1711-12. to which the Minister and Parishioners have subscribed 30l. per Ann.

Sandy, Bedfordshire. A Sch. wherein between 20 and 30 Ch. are taught. The Minister has purchas'd a Sch. House, and some Land with it, and intends to settle it for ever. It is worth 3l. 10s. a Year.

Scaldwell, Northamptonshire. 12l. per Ann. for ever left here some time since, for teaching poor Ch.

Seaforth, Suffolk. Here is a Sch. which is much encouraged. A Gentleman hath lately given 5l. to purchase Bibles for the Ch.

Selbourn, Hampshire. 3 Sch. wherein all the poor Ch. of this and 3 neighbouring Parishes, viz. *Hartly, Tisted, and Newton*, to the Number of 46, are taught to read, and to repeat their Catechism and Prayers : The B. to write and cast Accompts ; the G. to sew and knit. 11 of the Ch. are cl. These Sch. are supported by the Minister, 4 neighbouring Gentlemen, and 4 Clergymen. Here are 2 Settlements of 4l. per Ann. each, for putting poor Ch. out App. wherewith 6 of these have been put out.

Seyresham, Northamptonshire. An unknown Person has given 50l. to this Town; by the Interest whereof 6 poor Ch. are taught.

Sheffield, Yorkshire. Here are 2 Sch. for 30 B. and 20 G. The Sub. is about 96l. per Annum, 30l. whereof by a Person of Quality, who has also given 100l. to be laid out in Land towards endowing the said Sch.

Sheldon, Warwickshire. A Sch. House built by a Person of Quality, adjoining to the Church, where the Ch. go to Prayers every Day ; towards the Maintenance of this Sch. there has been lately appropriated 4l. per Ann. out of the Parish Land, formerly not so well apply'd ; also Endeavours are us'd to raise a further Endowment, by enclosing part of the Common, and in the mean Time 6l. per Ann. is allowed by the foresaid Person of Quality, for teaching 15 poor Ch. out of the Manour of *Marston Cully* adjoining. The Number of Ch. taught, is about 50.

* **Shellingthorp, Lincolnshire.** A Sch. for 25 Ch. to which is subscribed 9l. per Ann.

Sherborne, Hampshire. A Sch. here, but under Discouragement.

Sherborne, Dorsetshire. A Person of Honour has set up a Sch. for 10 poor G. to be taught and cl. to whom the Town is likely to add more.

Shinfield, Berkshire. A Sch. House built here, and endowed with 42l. per Ann. by a private Person. The Master teaches 12 B. and 8 G. all cl.

Shereham, Kent. A Sch. to which about 30*l.* *per Ann.* is sub. The Master is to teach all the Poor *gratis*, for which there is a competent Sub. The Subscribers of Ability, who have no Ch. give some 20*s.* some 40*s.* *per Ann.* Those of Ability, who have Ch. give more than the teaching them would come to, that the Master may have such an Income, as may enable him to teach all the Ch. of the Poor *gratis*.

* **Shotsbrook, Berks.** A Sch. for 5 B. and 1 G. cl. supported by the Minister and a private Gentleman.

Shottesham, Norfolk. a Sch. for 44 B. besides 11 G. taught by other Charities.

Shrewsbury, Shropshire. Here are 4 Sch. wherein are 140 poor Ch. besides above 40 more in the Suburbs or Abby. The Sub. is above 70*l.* *per Ann.* the 140 are cl. and a few have been put out App. by particular Contributions, and other Means.

* **Sidbury, Devon.** A Sch. for about 12 Ch. taught at the Charge of the Minister.

* **Silby, Leicestershire.** 4*l.* *per Ann.* given by the late Minister of *Cosington*, towards teaching the poor Ch. of this Place.

Silchester, Hampshire. Here are 5 poor Ch. taught, &c.

* **Sildeston, Yorkshire.** A Sch. maintained by a Person of Quality, for teaching all the poor Ch. of his Tenants in this Place.

Silsoe, Bedfordshire. 10*l.* *per Ann.* lately settled for the Education of the Poor.

Skern, Yorkshire. The Lord of the Manour gives 5*l.* a Year for teaching all the poor Ch.

Skipton, Yorkshire. A Sch. called the *Song-School*, where all the B. of the Town are taught to sing Psalms by the Parish Clerk, who has a Salary for that Purpose, besides his Parish-Dues. He is oblig'd also to teach all the Ch. of the Town to read, and their Catechism. 12 of the Ch. are cl. by a private Gent.

Smalley, Derbyshire. A Gentleman gives 5*l.* for teaching 12 poor Ch. and the Offertory is applied by the Minister of *Morley*, to the teaching of 3 or 4 more, this Place being a Chappelry in his Parish.

Soberston and Osron, Hampshire. 24 poor Ch. taught to read.

* **Soham, Suffolk.** A Grammar Sch. converted by the Trustees to a Charity Sch. for about 100 Ch. which daily increases under the Care of 2 Masters.

* **Solihul, Warwickshire.** The Usher of the *Latin* Sch. here has 10*l.* *per Ann.* allowed him for teaching *English*.

Somerton, Suffolk. See *partell*.

* **Southam, Warwickshire.** A Sch. for 20 B. founded by a Person of Quality.

Southill, Bedfordshire. 12 Ch. taught at the Charge of the Minister.

* **South Molton, Devonshire.** 30 B. taught and cl. Sub. 62l. *per Ann.*

South Stoneham, Hampshire. The Offertory has been for some Time applied towards teaching poor Ch.

* **Spetsbury, and Charlton, 2 united Parishes in Dorsetshire.** Several poor Ch. taught at the Charge of the Minister.

Spofforth, Yorkshire. A Sch. with the House adjoining to it for the Master, formerly built by one of the Earls of *Northumberland*, and repaired by the Inhabitants of this Town. A Person of Quality has given 5l. *per Ann.* for teaching 10 poor Ch. of *Spofforth* and *Linton*. 5l. was given by the late Rector deceas'd, for the like Number. 5 are likewise taught *gratis* by the Sch. Master of *Spofforth*, in Consideration of his being chosen Clerk of the Parish, and all the Ch. are daily taught to sing Psalms. Two Thirds of the Offertory are appropriated towards supplying the poor Ch. with Books, and Cl. and binding them out App. Some Collections are made yearly in every Township throughout the Parish, for the same Uses, after a Sermon preached on this Occasion, at *Spofforth* and *Wetherby*.

Spondon, Derbyshire. A Sch. built and endowed with 3l. *per Ann.* for 6 B. The Master teaches between 40 and 50. Here are also 10 more Ch. taught for 3l. *per Ann.* which is settled for that Use.

* **Stalbridge, Dorsetshire.** A Sch. set up 1708. for teaching all the poor B. Reading, Writing, and Arithmetick.

Stamford, Lincolnshire. About 80 poor Ch. taught, and employed. About a fourth Part of the Ch. are cl. and maintained in the Sch. the rest are supplied with Wheels, Reels, Fire, and Candles. There are 2 Teachers, 1 for Spinning, and 1 for Reading, besides a Maid or Nurse. All the Ch. earn 400l. *per Ann.* by their Work, whereof they that are maintained in the House earn about 50l. *per Ann.* There is an Annual Sermon before the Trustees.

Stanes, Middlesex. 4l. *per Annum* given by a Gentleman for teaching 5 B. and 20l. *per Ann.* given by another for teaching 20 poor Ch. and providing them with Books.

* **Stanmore Parva, Middlesex.** See *Whitchurch*.

Stansted Mount Fitchet, Essex. 10 Ch. taught at the Expence of a private Person.

Stanton, Gloucestershire. All the poor Ch. taught, and several cl. by part of an ancient Benefaction.

* **Stanton Drew, Somersetshire.** A Sch. endowed with 10l. *per Ann.* by the late Mr. Jones of *Stow*, for teaching 15 poor Ch.

Stanwel, Middlesex. A Sch. for 9 B. and 36 G. taught by 2 Mistresses, paid out of the Offertory, and some private Charities.

Stilton, Huntingdonshire. 2 Sch. for 9 B. and 6 G.

Stoe, Beccles and Euston, Norfolk. The poor Ch. put to Sch. at the Charge of the Minister.

Stoke Dammond, Bucks. 2 private Gentlemen have settled Lands of 10*l.* *per Ann.* in this Place for ever, for teaching poor Ch. of this Parish.

Stoke upon Trent, Staffordshire. The Rector keeps 40 Ch. at Sch.

Stoke Newland, Suffolk. See *Newland*.

Stone, Staffordshire. 10*l.* a Year is here settled for 40 poor Ch. by 2 Gentlemen.

* **Stone-house, Gloucestershire.** A Sch. for teaching 12 poor Ch.

Stourbridge, Worcestershire. In Mr. *Foley's* famous Hospital, with an Endowment of 6 or 700*l.* *per Ann.* 60 poor B. are taught and intirely maintained. 3 or 4 of whom are put out App. every Year, to some Handicraft Trade; 4*l.* and a Suit of Cl. being allowed for each B. to that Use.

Stroud, Gloucestershire. 60 poor Ch. taught, and 12 of them cl. Also 10*l.* *per Annum* allowed for teaching 4 poor B.

Sundbury, Middlesex. A Sch. for 30 B. taught to read, write, and cast Accompts. The Sub. 25*l.* *per Ann.*

Sundrich, Kent. 6 poor Ch. taught at the Charge of the Minister.

Sunninghill, Berks. 13 poor Ch. taught.

Sunning, Berks. 12 poor Ch. taught.

Sutton, Surry. 6 B. and 4 G. taught at the Charge of a Gentlewoman, and cl. at the Charge of a Gentleman.

Sutton Courtney, Berks. A Gentleman deceased has obliged his Executors to pay for teaching 12 poor Ch. and furnishing them with Books for 10 Years in this Parish.

Old **Swinsford, Worcestershire.** A Sch. for 30 Ch. supported by the Minister, and 2 other worthy Persons. A Gentleman has bequeath'd an Estate of about 25*l.* *per Ann.* to support another Sch. for teaching poor B. and left Monies to build a House for the Sch. Master, which is now quite finished, and the Sch. opened for 30 Ch. The Minister has also converted a Cottage into a Sch. where 6 G. are taught and cl.

Syleham, Suffolk. A Sch. for 10 G. taught at the Charge of the Minister.

T.

Tainton, Gloucestershire. Of 14 poor Ch. taught here, the Minister pays for 10 himself.

* **Temple, Warwickshire.** A Sch. for 20 poor Ch. endow'd by the Lady *Leveson*, deceased

Terrington in Marshland, Norfolk. A Sch. for 20 Ch.

Crooksbury, Gloucestershire. A Sch. for 40 B. most of 'em entirely cl. and all in some Measure, which is done at the Expence of the Representatives in Parliament for that Place, and of the Minister of the Parish: Beside which, there are Sub. of about 3*cl.* per *Ann.* The Minister visits the Sch. 3 Times a Week, and appoints select Portions of Scripture, and Collects out of the Common Prayer for the Ch. to get by Heart, according to their Age and Capacity, which they orderly repeat to the Master, when they go Home from Sch. They of the 1st Class, read the Bible and Whole Duty of Man, and after reading, shut their Books, and cheerfully recollect the Substance of what they have read. And all they have learned, is rehearsed in a regular Manner, at a publick Examination, to the great Satisfaction of the Subscribers, and others who are then invited to be present.

Chisleton, Rutlandshire. 10*cl.* per *Ann.* left by a private Gentleman, for teaching the poor Ch. here.

Chopp, Norfolk. Here are 12 poor Ch. taught.

* **Cichfield, Hampshire.** A Sch. for 12 B. taught and cl. by a Legacy formerly apply'd to the Relief of poor Widows, but now appropriated to the Support of this Sch.

* **Ciffes, Hampshire.** See **Elbourne.**

Ciberton, Devonshire. A Sch. set up by the Rector for teaching the poor Ch. here.

* **Corrington, Devon.** A Sch. for 32 B. cl. Sub. 40*cl.* per *Ann.* besides a Benefaction of 10 Guineas from a Gentleman, who has likewise built a Sch. House, with Accommodations for the Master.

Crent, Somersetshire. A Sch. for 20 B. set up by a Merchant. A good House, and 20*cl.* a Year for the Master settled.

* **Cring, Hertfordshire.** A Sch. erecting for teaching and cl. 20 B. towards which the Sub. already amount to 33*cl.* per *Ann.*

Crutham, Devonshire. 6 poor Ch. taught at the Charge of the Minister, part of the Offertory applied to it, and Books given.

* **Cuddenham, Suffolk.** A Sch. is begun here, encouraged by the Minister, who pays for teaching 6 Ch.

Cunbridge Wells, Kent. In the Chappel here about 70 poor B. are taught. The Sch. is maintained by Contributions of the Nobility and Gentry.

U.

Uffington, Berks. 8 B. of this Place, and 4 of *Woolston*, taught here in an ancient Sch.

* **Uppingham, Rutlandshire.** A Charity Sch. to which about 150*cl.* per *Ann.* is subscribed; whereof 50*cl.* per *Ann.* is contributed by one noble Family.

Upton upon Sebern, Worcestershire. The Minister pays for the teaching of 16 G.

W.

Wade in the Isle of Thanet, Kent. A Sch. founded by a Gentleman for 10 Ch. of the Parishes of *St. Nicholas* and *Menokton*, and by him endow'd with 10*l. per Annum* for ever. In the Parish of *St. Peter* is another founded by a Gentlewoman for 20 B. and endowed with 20*l. a Year* for ever.

Waddingham, Lincolnshire. (*Within the Liberties of the City of LINCOLN.*) Here is a Sch. for 20 Ch. taught for a small Annual Pension; and 16 of the 20, at the Expence of the Minister. 8*l. per Ann.* settled by the Lord of the Manour.

Wakefield, Yorkshire. A Sch. wherein 63 Ch. are taught. The B. have Coats and Caps at *Christmas*. A very good Sch. House new built, with Houses for the Master and Mistress, who have a yearly Salary of 31*l. 10s.* and all Necessaries are provided by the Trustees.

Walkhampton, Devonshire. A Lady has given 20*l. per Annum* for ever for a Sch. here.

* **Wallingford, Berks.** About 12 Ch. taught at the Minister's Charge.

Walter Dyton, Warwickshire. A late Benefaction of 6*l. per Ann.* for a Sermon once a Month, is applied to the teaching of the poor Ch. in this Village. 12 of the neighbouring Clergy undertaking to preach the said Sermon in their Turns.

* **Waltham Stow, Essex.** See **Low-Leyton.**

Warfield, Berks. 12 poor Ch. taught.

Wargrave, Berks. 47 poor Ch. taught.

Warmouth, in the Bishoprick of DURHAM. A Sch. House built by the Rector and Parishioners.

Warrington, Lancashire. An Usher is here provided, who teaches the poor Ch. at the Grammar-School.

Warwick, Warwickshire. A Sch. for 20 poor B. who are cl. every *Christmas*. The Corporation, out of an old Charity, pays 10*l. yearly*, for cl. and teaching 13 of the B. the other 7 are cl. and taught by a Benefaction of the Lady *Guildford* deceased. Another Sch. for 12 G. cl. and taught to read and spin, at the Charge of a noble Lord. Also 3 B. taught and cl. partly out of the Offertory, and partly at the Charge of the Vicar of *St. Mary's* Parish. And 2 B. more taught and cl. at the Expence of some private Persons in this Place.

Watford, Hertfordshire. A Sch. for 40 B. cl. and a Sch. House erected and maintained by a private Person, and intended to be endowed.

Welford, Berks. The Rector pays 14*l.* *per Ann.* for teaching all the poor Ch. which now amount to 30 in Number.

* **Wellingborough, Northamptonshire.** A Sch. for 40 Ch. most G. to be cl. taught to work, and maintained. This Sch. was encouraged by the late Lord *Brook*.

* **Wellow, Somersetshire.** 100*l.* offer'd towards setting up a Charity Sch. here by the Gentleman that offers 50*l.* to the same Use at *Froom*.

Wendover, Buckinghamshire. A Sch. for about 20 Ch.

Wentworth, Yorkshire. A Sch. for 30 B. and 20 G. taught and cl. at the Expence of a Person of Honour, who has built a House, and intends to endow it, for this Use. And the same Benefactor pays for the teaching and cl. of about 30 Ch. more in this Town, and the Places adjacent, and puts out divers poor Ch. App.

Wenobly, Herefordshire. 5*l.* *per Ann.* for educating poor Ch. given by a Gentleman, and Sub. made for a Sch.

* **Westbury, Bucks.** All the poor Ch. taught at the Expence of a Lady.

Weston-Fabul, Northamptonshire. A good House built not long since, for a Sch. and for the Master's Dwelling, with an Endowment of Land to pay him for teaching some poor Ch. and to put out App. &c. The whole Benefaction given by one Family.

Weston under Denyard, Herefordshire. 2 Sch. for 20 Ch. taught to read at the Charge of the Minister and Parishioners.

West-Tilley, Berks. A Sch. for teaching 10 Ch. at the Charge of the Rector of the Parish.

Wetherby, Yorkshire. 5 poor Ch. taught at the Charge of the Rector of the Parish.

* **Whitechurch, Berks.** 2 Sch. erected by the Minister, for 20 Ch. taught to read, and to repeat the Catechism: To whom are given *Bibles*, and the *Whole Duty of Man*.

Whitechurch, alias Stanmore Parva, Middlesex. A Sch. for 7 B. and 23 G. of this Parish, and of *Edgworth*; taught to read, and to repeat the Catechism; and the G. to sew and knit. Sub. 8*l.* 10*s.* *per Ann.* encouraged chiefly by a Lady in the Neighbourhood.

Whitigate, Cheshire. 20 *l.* part of a Legacy, is applied for teaching poor Ch. here.

White Waltham, Berks. 20 poor Ch. taught.

Whitfield, Northamptonshire. The same Person who gave 50*l.* to *Seyresham*, has also given 40*l.* to this Town, by the Interest whereof 8 poor Ch. are taught. Also a Gentleman, lately deceased, left 10*l.* *per Ann.* to charitable Uses, whereof 8*l.* *per Ann.* is appropriated to the putting out of App. in this Place.

* **Wick, Gloucestershire.** A Charity Sch. set up by a Gentleman.

Wickhambrooke, Suffolk. A Sch. for about 30 Ch. some set to wrok.

* **Wickwar, Gloucestershire.** A large Sch. House built and endowed, with Accommodations for 2 Masters, 1 of whom is oblig'd to teach all the poor Ch. *English.*

Wickworth, Lincolnshire. A Sch. for 30 poor Ch.

Wibberwel, Hampshire. All the poor Ch. being about 24. taught at the Charge of an Alderman of *London.*

WINCHESTER. 3 Sch. for 50 B. and 30 G. cl. who, when fit, will be put out App. Sub. about 220*l.* Another Sch. by a private Person for 25 B. not cl.

Windsor New, Berks. Here are 2 Sch. 1 for 40 B. the other for 30 G. The *QUEEN* is the great and chief Benefactor.

Windsor Old, Berks. 18 poor Ch. taught to read, &c.

Wingfield, Suffolk. A Sch. for 32 Ch. The Master paid by 2 Ladies.

Wingham, Kent. A Sch. for teaching the poor Ch.

Winkfield, Berks. 2 Sch. erected by a noble Lord, for 20 B. and 20 G. cl. A House and Chappel are also built. The Sch. is well furnished with Necessaries. 152*l.* a Year in *Ireland* is settled on them.

Wimlaton, in the Bishoprick of Durham. The Workmen of an Iron-work, who are about 4 or 500, allow one Farthing and an Half *per Shilling per Week*, which, together with their Master's Contribution, maintains their Poor, and affords about 17*l. per Ann.* for teaching their Ch.

Wisbech, Isle of Ely, Cambridgeshire. 104 Ch. taught, 63 whereof in 1 Sch. have Caps and Bands. The rest are more privately taught by Dames. Sub. about 80*l.* a Year. A Gentleman has presented 100*l.* to this Sch. Here is also a Spinning Sch. wherein 40 G. are taught at the Charge of a Gentleman. To this Sch. 6*l.* and 1*l.* 5*s.* *per Annum* is given for ever.

Withersfield, Essex. Mr *Fitch* deceased has given 20*l.* a Year for ever, for teaching 20 B. and has given more to cl. them as they leave the Sch. He has also given 5*l.* a Year towards teaching 20 other poor Ch. here.

Witlesham, Kent. A Sch. wherein the poor Ch. of the Parish are taught, and furnished with Books.

Woodhamwater, Essex. The Minister keeps some of the poorest Ch. to Sch. at his own Charge.

Wobourn, Bedfordshire. The Duke of *Bedford*, lately deceased, has fitted up a House for a Sch. for 30 poor B. who are cl. and instructed after the *London* Methods. Her Grace the *Duchess* gives 20*l.* a Year for teaching and cl. 15 G.

* **Wolverhampton, Staffordshire.** A Sch. for 5 B. taught and cl. Sub. upwards of 50*l. per Ann.* 6*l.* whereof is subscribed by an eminent Physician residing at *London.* Besides that, this Sch. hath been encouraged by some considerable Gifts.

* **Wood-**

* **Woodchester, Gloucestershire.** The Interest of 400*l.* left by Legacy, is to be allowed for teaching poor Ch. in this Place.

WORCESTER. In *St. John's* Parish, there are 12 poor Ch. taught at the Expence of a private Person. In *St. Nicholas* Parish 25 Ch. are taught at the Charge of the Bishop. Another Sch. in *St. Nicholas* Parish for 33 Ch. who are cl. yearly, and supplied with Books. Sub. about 18*l.* per Ann. Another in *St. Martin's* Parish, to which 7*l.* per Ann. is allowed by a private Person, 2 more set up by the Bishop, for 20 B. each.

Woxlinton, Suffolk. A Sch. for the Education of all the poor Ch. now 12 B. and 15 G. Sub. about 13*l.* per Ann. Also the Offertory-Money is applied to the providing of Books.

* **Wootton Bassett, Wiles.** A Ch. Sch. to which 10*l.* per Annum is left for teaching all the poor Ch.

Wye, Kent. The Surplusage of a considerable Estate, after several Legacies are paid, is left by a Lady lately deceased, for educating the poor Ch. of this Place.

Wibbunbury, Cheshire. A Person lately gave 40*l.* for teaching and cl. and buying Books for some of the poorest Ch. who stay in the Sch. but 3 Years. A Person of this Parish, some Time since deceased, bequeathed All he had, and even his wearing Apparel to be sold; the whole amounting to 160*l.* to be employed after his Wife's Decease, for the Education of poor Ch. 140*l.* of which is for those of this Parish, and 20*l.* for those of *Whitegate* Parish. Also the Master of the Grammar-School, for 12*l.* a Year, teaches 10 poor B. and is to lay out 40*s.* for Books. And part of the Offertory is applied to the teaching of some other poor Children here.

Y.

* **Yelbertoft, Northamptonshire.** A Sch. for 16 Ch. 10 of whom are cl.

Yeovil, Somersetshire. Here is a Sch. set up for the teaching of 28 B. who are cl. 40*l.* being subscribed.

Petminster, Dorsetshire. A Sch. part of the Charity of the Honourable Robert Boyle, Esq; for 20 poor B. with an House built, and 20*l.* a Year settled.

YORK. A Sch. was opened here June 14. 1705. 40 B. are cl. taught, and maintain'd. Sub. 138*l.* 11*s.* 6*d.* Gifts since 821*l.* Legacies by Will 390*l.* Sub. made perpetual, or ready for a Purchase, 260*l.* Collected at the Anniversary Sermons on *St. John's* Day, the 5 Years past 97*l.* 16*s.* 9*d.* The Governours have found-

ed a Nursery for 20 B. more, whence the others are chosen. Provision is also made for the Care of them when sick, *gratis*. Another Sch. for 20 G. by the Ladies and Gentlewomen, and under the sole Management of a Lady. 20 B. have been already put out App.

Barley, Huntingdonshire. 30 l. a Year sub. for teaching poor Ch.

N. B. The Trustees of several Charity-Schools in the Country, have sent for Masters and Mistresses from *London*; and others have sent 'em thither to be instructed in the Methods of Teaching used in the *London Schools*; and the Improvement of the Children under such Masters and Mistresses, hath been answerable to the Charge and Trouble of procuring such Instruction. But the Schools at *Bath*, being provided with an able Master and Mistress from *London*, the Places adjacent may hereby be advertiz'd, that the same Methods of Instruction are used there, as are practis'd in the Schools at *London*. And any Master or Mistress may be very well inform'd of those Methods, by going to *Bath*, and conversing with the Master and Mistress aforesaid, and seeing their Way of Managing their Schools.

The

The PRESENT STATE of the CHARITY-SCHOOLS in WALES.

* **Abergeenny**, *Monmouthshire*. A Charity-School.
Abergully, *Carmarthenshire*. 8 B. taught. The Sch. endowed with 6*l.* per *Ann.*

Bigley, *Pembrokeshire*. 3*l.* paid yearly to a Master for teaching poor Ch.

Bouillon, *Pembrokeshire*. 19 poor Ch. taught, some whereof are cl. and more may be taught, if their Parents will send them to Sch.

St. Bides, *Pembrokeshire*. A Gentleman pays for the teaching 10 poor Ch. of this Place, at the Sch. at *Marloes*.

Cardiff, *Glamorganshire*. 50*ol.* lately given for a Sch. here.

Carmarthen, *Carmarthenshire*. A Sch. for 21 poor Ch. taught and cl. at the sole Charge of a worthy Divine, who has likewise built a convenient House for the Master, and the Sch.

Cowbridge, *Glamorganshire*. Divers poor Ch. taught at the Expence of a private Person.

Denbigh. A Sch. for about 20 poor Ch. supported by the Minister and Offertory.

Dynas, *Pembrokeshire*. 4 poor Ch. taught at the Charge of the Rector.

* **Glasbury**, *Brecknockshire*. 40 Ch. taught in several Sch. and supplied with Books. And 4 of them are cl.

Gresford, *Denbysire*. A Sch. for 20 poor Ch.

Haradon-west, *Pembrokeshire*. 10 poor Ch. taught at the Charge of the Minister.

Hastard, *Pembrokeshire*. A Sch. here.

Haverford-west, *Pembrokeshire*. A Sch. for 31 Ch. 25 of whom are cl. each of them receive 5*s.* a Quarter for their Parents. On this Sch. is settled 34*l.* per *Ann.* and the Interest of 300*l.* for ever.

Llanboidy, *Carmarthenshire*. 9 Ch. taught at a private Expence.

Llandowrog, *Carmarthenshire*. A Sch. for 20 Ch. 7 of whom are cl. by the Interest of 40*l.* left by *David Lloyd*, a Farmer lately deceased

Llangan, *Carmarthenshire*. 4 poor Ch. taught at the Charge of the Minister.

Llan-gunnog, Carmarthenshire. A Sch. House built on the West; part whereof is inclos'd to pay for the teaching poor Ch. and at present 4 B. and 4 G. are taught, who are supply'd with Books by a worthy Divine.

* **Llan-gunnog, Montgomeryshire.** A Sch. for 12 Ch. taught and cl. at the Expende of a charitable Gentlewoman in the Neighbourhood.

* **Llanombobery, Carmarthenshire.** A Charity School.

Llanychaer, Pembrokehire. A Sch. for 24 Ch. whereof 6 are cl.

Llaneghaenydd, Carmarthenshire. A Sch. for 20 poor B. kept at the Town-House. Sub. about 8*l.* per Ann. 8 B. sent to Sea.

Marloes, Pembrokehire. 5*l.* per Ann. paid to a Master here for teaching poor Ch. And 6 other poor C. of this Place; and 10 others from St. Brides, are taught in this Sch. at the Expende of a Person of Quality, who also buys them Books.

* **Marrog, Carmarthenshire.** A Sch. for all the poor Ch. of the Parish, taught at the sole Expende of the Lord of the Manour, who both pays the Master, and provides him an Habitation.

Masonclothog, Pembrokehire. Here is a Sch. where several poor Ch. are taught

Mounton, Pembrokehire. A Sch. for 6 Ch. set up by a Gentlewoman.

Pembroke, Pembrokehire. Here are 3 Sch. 1 in the Parish of St. Michael for 18 Ch. Another in St. Mary's Parish for 7 G. And a 3d in St. Nicholas for 9 B.

Penaly, Pembrokehire. Here is a Charity Sch.

Pendergast, Pembrokehire. 6 poor Ch. are taught here, partly by some of the Communion Money, and partly at the Expende of the Minister of the Parish.

* **Presteigne, Radnorshire.** A Sch. opened last Christmas for 13 Ch. who were cl. in March following, to which Number, 10 were designed to be added, when the Sub. should rise, which then amounted to 15*l.* per Ann.

Rudbarton, Pembrokehire. 4*l.* paid yearly to a Master here, for teaching poor Ch. and 20*s.* more for Books.

* **Templeton, Pembrokehire.** A Sch. for 20 Ch. opened in January last.

Towyn, Montgomeryshire. A Sch. wherein 15 poor Ch. are taught.

Walton-Cast, Pembrokehire. 4*l.* per Annum paid for teaching poor Ch. and 20*s.* more for Books.

Wrexham, Denbighshire. Here are 40 poor Ch. taught; to which the Offertory is applied. Also the Interest of 20*l.* left by a young Gentlewoman, lately deceased, for teaching of 4 poor Children.

An ACCOUNT of the CHARITY-SCHOOLS in NORTH-BRITAIN.

SEVERAL Charitable and well-dispos'd People in Scotland, observing the good Effects of the CHARITY-SCHOOLS in South-Britain, used means to obtain from Her Majesty a Proclamation, to encourage the like Charities in North-Britain: And accordingly Her Majesty was graciously pleas'd, by a Proclamation bearing Date Aug. 18. 1708. to declare Her Approbation of so good and pious an Undertaking; and that She would readily authorize such a Number of Persons, as should be thought proper to be Commissioners for taking and receiving Subscriptions, &c. who should meet at *Edinburgh* the 8th of November following: And that She would grant Letters Patents, to Incorporate such Subscribers, when the same should be requested in Writing, by Two Thirds of the Subscribers, in Number and Value: And that She would esteem Alacrity and Diligence in promoting this pious Undertaking by Her Subjects, in their respective Stations, to be a Service very acceptable, to which She would give due Encouragement upon all fitting Occasions.

This Proclamation had so good an Effect, that by November following 1000*l.* Sterling was subscribed towards erecting Charity-Schools, and the 19th of April 1709. an Act of the General Assembly, then sitting at *Edinburgh*, was pass'd, exhorting all People to contribute their best Endeavours to promote this excellent Undertaking; and recommending it to the Ministers and Elders of the Church of Scotland, to go thro' their respective Parishes on such Days, as the several Presbyteries should appoint, for taking Subscriptions, or receiving Contributions of Money from such Persons, whose Hearts God should incline thereunto: And that the Ministers should take Occasion on the Lord's-Day, before they began this Work, to read and intimate this Act from the Pulpit, to their respective Congregations, and to exhort and stir up their People to subscribe or contribute, according to their Ability, on this Occasion: And that the several Presbyteries should, without Delay, call for, and take in Reports, from all the Ministers within their Bounds, containing a particular Account of the Subscribers, and Sums subscribed for, and Money collected in each Parish: And that

that they should send an Extract thereof, subscribed by their Moderator and Clerk, to the Clerk of the Commission of the *Assembly*, and thereafter, upon Advertisement from the said Commission, they should send in the principal *Subscriptions* and Money collected, to any Person whom the *Society for Propagating Christian Knowledge*, when constituted, should appoint to receive the same, upon his Receipt thereof. And the Agents of the Church were appointed to dispatch printed Copies of this Act to all the *Presbyteries*, for the Ends aforesaid.

This *Act* produced a considerable Augmentation to the Fund for carrying on this Design. And Her *Majesty* was so well pleas'd with the Advances that were made in carrying it on, that on the 25th of *May* 1709. She granted Letters Patent, to erect and incorporate a Society, by the Name of, *The Society in Scotland for Propagating Christian Knowledge*, Declaring, that in Consideration of the Subscribers being diffus'd in several Counties and remote Places, so that it was not easie for them to nominate and elect the Members, which such a Corporation ought to consist of, the first Nomination of the Members of the said Society, should be made by the Lord *President*, and other Lords of the Council and Session in *Scotland*, out of the Subscribers; which Nomination was ordain'd to be recorded, with the Letters Patent, in the Registers of the Chancellary in *Scotland*. And Her *Majesty* grants in these Letters Patent, That the said *Society* have full Power to receive Subscriptions, Mortifications, Donations, Legacies, Sums of Money, Lands, Goods, and Gear; and therewith to erect and maintain Schools, to teach to Read, especially the Holy Scriptures, and other good and pious Books; as also to teach Writing and Arithmetick, and such like Degrees of *Knowledge* in the Highlands, Islands, and remote Corners of *Scotland*, and other Parts of the World. That the Society have a *General Meeting* of the Members thereof Quarterly at *Edinburgh* in the Town's Hall, the first *Thursday* of *January*, *March*, *June*, and *November* Yearly, at Three of the Clock in the Afternoon, and oftner, when and where the *Society* shall think meet. That any *Nine* of the Members be a *Quorum* of the said *General Meeting*, reserving to the said Lords of Session, upon Application of the *Society*, a Power to alter the *Quorum*, as shall be needful. That the Society elect a *President*, *Treasurer*, *Secretary* or *Clerk*, and other Officers and Servants, as they shall find needful, on the first *Thursday* in *January* Yearly. The *Society* are also empower'd, at their First Meeting Yearly, to nominate Fifteen of their Number for a *Committee*, to meet at *Edinburgh* the First *Thursday* of each Month, and oftner, as Need requires, in such Places as the *Society* shall appoint; and the said *Committee*, or any Three of them, are to prosecute the Orders of the *General Meeting*, Audit the *Treasurer's* Accompts, and ripen and prepare Overtures and

and Matters. This Committee to continue for one Year, but to lay an Account of their whole Transactions and Management before the *General Meetings* Quarterly. That the *Society* be capable in Law to purchase and enjoy Lands, Tenements, &c. not exceeding the yearly Value of *Two Thousand Pounds* Sterling, for the Uses abovementioned: To prosecute, pursue, and defend, in all Courts and Places, &c. in as full and ample Manner, as any other *Society* or *Corporation* within the Realm of *Great Britain* can do. That the *Society* may have a common Seal, which they may alter or make new at Pleasure. That they make *Rules* and *Ordinances* for the better Government of the *Society*, at their *Quarterly Meetings*; and at no other, provided that they be agreeable, and no ways contrary to the Laws and Constitutions of *Scotland*, in Church and State. That the *Presbyteries*, and other superior *Judicatories* of the Church of *Scotland*, do make exact Enquiry into the Manner of Life and Conversation, and other Qualifications of such as shall be employed as Teachers in any Capacity, to carry on this Christian Work, before they be so employed. That the *Society*, upon the Death of any of their Number, or of their *President*, *Treasurer*, *Secretary*, or other Officers or Servants, may, at the *General Meeting*, chuse others to succeed; and also impose Fines for Malversation, &c. not exceeding *Ten Pounds* Sterling, besides Damages to the *Society*, and others concern'd, &c.

That the Books of the *Society* be open, that so every *Subscriber*, their Heirs and Successors, may have Access to see what Sums of Money are received by the *Society*, and how the same have been laid out. That the *Society* shall not diminish the Capital Stock that shall be subscribed for, or mortify'd; but only apply the Rents and Profits arising from the same. And all *Magistrates*, and other *Subjects*, are required, in their respective Stations, to give all proper and needful Assistance to the said *Society*.

Pursuant to the said Letters Patent, the Lords of Council and Session did, on the 9th Day of *July* 1709. nominate 81 of the *Subscribers* to be the constituent Members of the *Society* in *Scotland*, and notify'd in Print the Letters Patent, together with the said *Nomination*: And accordingly the *Society* were conven'd, and publish'd Proposals for applying the Interest of the Money which is, or shall be contributed for advancing the Christian Reformed Religion; and since that, they have agreed to maintain 12 School-Masters in the Places undernamed, *viz.*

One in the Island of *Hirta*, alias *St. Kilda*, which lies at a great Distance from any other Land, and, till of late, had no means of Christian Knowledge, except that once in 6 or 7 Years, a *Minister* went to visit the Inhabitants thereof.

A Second, In the Isle of *Skye*.

A Third, In the Country of Athol.

A Fourth, In Glenelg.

A Fifth, In Aberlath, the Center of the Islands.

Two about the Heads of the Rivers Dee and Don.

An Eighth, In the Country of Southerland.

A Ninth, at Strathnaber; there being Parishes of a vast Extent, one upwards of 40 Miles in Length.

A Tenth, In the Continent of Orkney.

The Eleventh, In the North Isles there.

A Twelfth, In Zetland.

Each of which *School-Masters* are to have 1*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.* Sterling Salary *per Ann.* except the last *Three*, who are allowed only 8*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.* Sterling *per Ann.* And there is also allow'd 40*s.* Sterling to each School, to furnish the necessary Books thereto; and every Scholar, when taught to read the Bible distinctly, is to have a Suit of Cloaths, with a New Bible. Beside these Schools, others have been erected by private Charities; particularly,

In the *Isle of Arran*. Several Schools have been set up at the Expence of a Lady of Quality.

Carlabrock, near **Dumfries**, *Nithisdale*. In 1708. a Gentleman gave 100*l.* towards setting up a Charity School for all the poor Children in the Town and Neighbourhood; 100*l.* whereof was applied to building a School-House and Conveniencies for the Master; and the Interest of the remaining 900*l.* is to be apply'd, according to the Direction of the Donor, to paying the Master's Salary, putting Children out Apprentices, &c. And the same Person afterwards gave 60 Bibles to the Inhabitants of the said Town.

EDINBURGH. Here are 2 Hospitals for poor Girls, and a Charity-School; to the Erection of the last of which, the *Treasurer* of the *Society for Propagating Christian Knowledge*, lately deceased, was a liberal Contributor.

Invernes. A Gentleman within the Bounds of this Place, about the Beginning of the Year 1710. wrote a very pressing Letter to the *Presbytery*, and another to the Provincial Synod of *Murray*, intreating, That Advice might be given him in setting up 10 Charity Schools, where Children might be taught to Read, Write, and cast Accompts. The *Presbytery* and *Synod* thereupon appointed a *Quorum* of their Number to perambulate; and the Places where the Schools were to be, were directed and condescended on.

Kilmarnock, *Locharbar*. A Sch. erected by the *Treasurer* of the *Society* aforementioned, lately deceased.

The *Society* in *North-Britain* are very solicitous to manage the Stock they have got together, to the best Advantage; and are going on to settle more Schools in those Places where they are most wanted.

CHARITY-SCHOOLS in I R E L A N D.

In D U B L I N, at

- * **S** T. **Andrews**. A Sch. for 20 B. endow'd with 6*l.* per Ann.
- * St. **Andrews**. A Sch. for 34 B.
- * St. **Bridget's**. A Sch. for poor B.
- * **Donnetbrook**, and the Chappel at **Rings-End**. 2 Sch.
- * St. **James's**. A Charity Sch.
- St. **John's**. A Sch. for 20 B. cl. endowed with 6*l.* per Ann.
- * St. **Katharine's**. A Sch. for 26 B. endowed with 10*l.* per Ann.
- * St. **Nichan's**. A Charity Sch.
- * St. **Nicholas** within. A Charity Sch.
- The Cathedral of St. **Patrick**. 2 Sch. for 50 B. endowed with 20*l.* per Annum.
- St. **Paul's**. A Sch. for 25 G. supported by Contributions of some charitable Ladies that desire to be nameless.
- St. **Warburgh's**. A Charity Sch.

In other Parts of I R E L A N D.

Belturbet, in the County of Cavan. 7*l.* per Ann. given by the Lord of the Manour, and 3 *l.* by the Minister, for teaching poor Children here.

- * **Cassel**. A School
- * **Draghda**. A School
- * **Enniskillen**. A School
- * **Kilkenny**. A School

Founded by Mr. Erasmus Smith.

Spaghrevelt, in the County of London-Derry. 200*l.* per Ann. given here by Mr. **Hugh Rancy** deceased, for teaching, cloathing, maintaining and apprenticing poor Ch. for which Purpose, an Hospital is built, and a competent Allowance settled for a Master and Mistress.

Wicklow. Here is a Sch. erected by the Gentlemen of th t County; consisting of 24 B. who are cl. and taught to read, write, and the Principles of the Church of *Ireland*, as by Law Established; and the Parents of those Scholars that are the Sons of *Papists*, are obliged to give Bonds to the Founders, that in Case such Ch. shall turn *Papists* when they come of Age, then their Parents, or other Security, shall repay the Expence of their Education and Cloathing to the Founders.

P O S T S C R I P T.

THE Pious Reader may be pleas'd to know, that this kind of *Charity*, which has rescued so many Thousands of poor Children from Ignorance, and a vicious Course of Life, is not limited to Her Majesty's Kingdoms in *Europe*; but by what is done in several Parts of the World abroad, there is just Ground to hope, that the same Zeal influences them, which hath of late Years been so conspicuous in *Great Britain* and *Ireland*. Particularly Her Majesty's Plantations in *New-England* and *New-York*, enjoy the Benefit of such charitable Efforts. And there is a Prospect of a very considerable Seminary to be erected at *Barbadoes*, upon a noble Bequest to pious Uses, made by General *Codrington* lately deceased, in that *Island*, and subjected to the Direction of *The Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign Parts*.

The *Czar of Muscovy* has lately erected Schools in several of the great Towns in his Dominions; and some of his Subjects having met with the Accounts of the *English Schools* translated into *High-Dutch*, were so well pleased with them, that they gave Mr. *Grindler*, a *German*, who hath resided for some Time in those Parts, a small Sum of Money, with Directions to remit one Half of it to the Great Charity-School at *Hall* in *Saxony*; and the other Half to *The Society at London for Promoting Christian Knowledge*; and the same has been accordingly paid.

There is an Account lately come from *Germany*, of a Charity-School begun 1709. at *Hersfeld* in *HESSE*, and carried on by the Care of the Reverend and Learned Dr. *Mol*, Professor of Divinity, and Inspector of all the Reformed Churches in that Principality, and very much encouraged by their Highnesses the *Landgrave* and *Landgravinne* of *Hesse-Cassel*.

The like has been also done in *Sweden*, *Denmark*, *Holland*, *Switzerland*, and in several Parts of *Germany*.

In the *East-Indies* there are 2 Charity-Schools at *Tranquebar*, which in *October* 1710. consisted one of them of 34 *Malabarian* Children, and the other of 29 *Portuguese* Children, under the Care of the Reverend Missionaries, sent into those Parts by His Majesty the King of *Denmark*.

The same Missionaries, by their last Letters to *Europe*, signify that what is attempted there in the *Danish* Factories, towards gaining the Heathens to Christianity, is much more practicable in the *British* Settlements on the Coast of *Coromandel*, by Reason of the great Sway the *Britons* have in those Parts, above other Nations; and it is hoped, that the Honourable *East-India* Company will be induced to make an Essay of the like Nature, in a Manner worthy of themselves, when they see the Success that has attended the Endeavours of their Neighbours.

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APPENDIX.

Numb. I.

A

Form of a Subscription-Roll.

FOR A

CHARITY-SCHOOL.

WHEREAS Prophanenels and Debauchery are greatly owing to a gross Ignorance of the Christian Religion, especially among the poorer Sort: And whereas nothing is more likely to promote the Practice of Christianity and Virtue, than an early and pious Education of Youth: And whereas many poor People are desirous of having their Children Taught, but are not able to afford them a Christian and useful Education: We whose Names are under-written, do hereby agree to pay yearly, at Four equal Payments (during Pleasure), the several Sums of Money over against our Names respectively subscribed, for the setting up of a Charity-School in the Parish of

in the City of or in the County of

for teaching poor Boys, or poor Girls, or poor Children, to Read, and instructing them in the Knowledge and Practice of the Christian Religion; as profess'd and taught in the Church of England; and such other Things as are suitable to their Condition and Capacity. That is to say,

l. s. d.

£ A. B. do Subscribe --- --- ---

Numb. II.

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A FORM of a
SUBSCRIPTION-ROLL,
 For Advancing a FUND
 For Teaching Poor Children in Small Villages to
Read, Write, and Cast Accounts.

WHEREAS *Profaneness* and *Debauchery* are greatly owing to a gross Ignorance of the *Christian Religion*, especially among the poorer Sort: And W H E R E A S nothing is more likely to promote the Practice of *Christianity* and *Virtue*, than an early and pious Education of Youth, as hath been experienc'd from the many *Charity-Schools* lately erected, for teaching the Children of many *poor People*, (who were desirous of having them taught, but were not able to afford them a Christian and useful Education) to *Read, Write, and Cast Accounts*; and instructing them in the Knowledge and Practice of the *Christian Religion*, as profess'd and taught in the Church of *England*: Which *Charity Schools* have been chiefly promoted by the *Voluntary Subscriptions* of many Charitable Persons of all Sorts of Persuasions.

And W H E R E A S the *Parish* of
 In the *County* of _____ is so small, that
 it cannot furnish a sufficient Number of Children for a *Charity-School*. And W H E R E A S the *poor People* of the said *Parish*
 of _____ in the *County* of _____
 at several particular Times of the Year (especially in *Harvest*) are
 unwilling to spare their Children at *School-Hours*.

And W H E R E A S, to remedy these and the like Inconveniencies, and that the aforesaid poor Children may not be wholly destitute of a *Christian* and useful Education: Mr.
 or Mrs. _____ has promised to Teach them at such

Times as their Parents can best spare them, to *Read, Write, and Cast Accounts*, and to instruct them in the Knowledge and Practice

of the *Christian Religion*, as profess'd and taught in the Church of *England*; on Condition they receive, as soon as every such Child can name and distinguish all the Letters in the Alphabet, the Sum of *Half a Crown*; and the like Sum when the Child can Spell well: And *Five Shillings* more when such Child can Read well and distinctly, and say the Church Catechism: And *Ten Shillings* more, when such Child can Write a Legible Hand: And *Five Shillings* more, when such Child can cast Accompts.

And W H E R E A S several poor Children in divers other small Villages, have been, through the Charity of many well-dispos'd Persons, after this Method, *Train'd up in the Way they should go*, and instructed in such other Things as were suitable to their Condition and Capacity.

Now therefore that the poor Children of the Parish of
in the County of
may be thus Trained up and Instructed.

WE, whose Names are under-written, do hereby agree to pay yearly,
at Four equal Payments (during Pleasure,) the Several and Respective Sums of Money over against our Names respectively Subscribed, into the Hands of Mr. *By him to be*
applied towards the Education of the Poor Children of the Parish of
in the County of
according to the Method aforesaid.

I. s. d.

I A. B. do Subscribe

This Form may be thus varied to be made use by single Persons.

I A. B. do promise to pay to Mr.
the Sum of 2s. 6d. when *has taught*
Distinguish all the Letters in the Alphabet, &c.

or Mrs.
to Name and

Witness my Hand

N. B. This Method has been successfully practised in several Places; and is published here, in Hopes that pious and charitable Persons will make Use of it in other Places, where there seems any Difficulty of setting up a settled School.

Numb. III.

An ACCOUNT of the *RATES* of Cloathing
Poor Children belonging to CHARITY-SCHOOLS.*The Charge of Cloathing a BOY.*

	<i>l.</i>	<i>s.</i>	<i>d.</i>
A Yard and half-quarter of Grey <i>Torkshire</i> Broad Cloth 6 quarters wide, makes a Coat ————	00	03	00
Making the Coat, with Pewter Buttons and all other Materials ————	00	01	00
A Waistcoat of the same Cloth lined ————	00	03	06
A pair of Breeches of Cloth or Leather lined ————	00	02	06
1 Knit Cap, with Tuft and String, of any Colour ————	00	00	10
1 Band ————	00	00	02
1 Shirt ————	00	01	06
1 Pair of Woollen Stockings ————	00	00	08
1 Pair of Shoes ————	00	01	10
1 Pair of Buckles ————	00	00	01
1 Pair of Knit or Wash-Leather Gloves ————	00	00	07
The Total	00	15	08

The Charge of Cloathing a GIRL.

	<i>l.</i>	<i>s.</i>	<i>d.</i>
3 Yards and half of blue long Ells, about yard wide, ————	00	04	08
— at 16d. p. Yard, makes a Gown and Petticoat ————	00	01	00
Making thereof, Strings, Body-lining, and other Materials, ————	00	01	00
A Coif and Band of Scotch-Cloth with a Border ————	00	00	09
Ditto of fine Ghenting ————	00	01	00
A Shift ————	00	01	06
A White, Blue, or Checquer'd Apron ————	00	01	00
A pair of Leather Bodice and Stomacher ————	00	02	06
1 Pair of Woollen Stockings ————	00	00	08
1 Pair of Shoes ————	00	01	08
A Pair of Pattens ————	00	00	08
1 Pair of Buckles ————	00	00	01
1 Pair of Knit or Wash-Leather Gloves ————	00	00	07
The Total	00	16	01

N. B. *The different Stature of Children is allowed for here; and 50 Children between the Ages of 7 and 12 (one with another) may be cloathed at these Rates.*

The Particulars abovementioned may be had at Mr. R. Parker's in Queen's-Court at St. Katharines by the Tower.

A Form of a Monthly FAULT-BILL.

THE Masters and Mistresses of most of the *Charity-Schools* in and about *London*, keep a Daily Account of the Behaviour of the Children under their Care, which they lay before the Trustees at their Meetings; whereby they see at one View the whole Behaviour of each Child since the last Meeting: And by comparing one Account with the other, do better know what Directions to give the Master or Mistress, and more easily see the Improvement of the Childrens Manners. The Method whereof is as follows.

MAY,	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13 &c.
1712.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Frid.	Satur.	Sund.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Frid.	Satur.	Sund.
1 A —													
2 B —										Curf.			
3 C —													
4 D —													
5 E —			L.										
6 F —								T.					
7 G —													
8 H —							St.						
9 I —			Un.										
10 K —						P. c.							
11 L —		Sw.											
12 M —						P. c.							
13 N —													

In the first 2 Columns from the Left-Hand to the Right, are set down the *Month*, the *Days* of the *Month*, and *Days* of the *Week*; and in the first 2 Columns downwards, are the Names of the Children. In the other Columns the Marks signify as follows, viz., *P. c.* playing at Church. *Curf.* Curfing. *Sw.* Swearing. *St.* Stealing. *L.* Lying. *T.* playing Truant. *A.* when alone, being Absent from School. *when alone*, coming late to School. *a. c.* being absent from Church. *c.* coming late to Church. *Un.* being Unmannerly.

Each Square in the Table denotes the whole Day of the Month and Week under which it is placed; after it's divided, as is the 3d Square under Tuesday the first of May, the upper Part signifies the Forenoon, and the lower Part the Afternoon. And when the Mark is placed on the upper or lower Part of the Square, it denotes that the Fault (it signifies) happen'd in the Forenoon or Afternoon. And the Square wherein the Marks are set, denotes the Child, whose Name is overagainst it in the Table, to be guilty of such Crime as that Mark signifies at that Time. As (*a. c.*) against G denotes C's having been absent from Church on Sunday the 6th of May in the Morning. And so of the rest.

Numb. V.

An Account when and where LECTURES in London, &c. are preach'd, and Collections made for the Setting up and Maintaining Charity Schools; for the Information of such as are Strangers, and desire an Opportunity of Contributing thereto.

Viz. At the Churches of

ALLhallows in Lombard-street, every third Sunday in the Month, at 5 in the Evening.

St. Alphage near Sion-College, every second Sunday in the Month, at 5 in the Evening.

St. Andrew Holborn, every third Sunday in the Month, at 5 in the Evening.

St. Anne Westminster, the Sunday next before Christmas-Day, at 10 in the Morning, and 2 in the Afternoon, for the B. and the like for the G. about Palm-Sunday.

St. Botolph without Aldgate, the second Sunday after every Quarter-Day, at 2 in the Afternoon.

St. Botolph without Bishopsgate, every second Sunday in the Month, at 5 in the Evening.

* St. Bridget, alias St. Brides, twice in the Year, viz. once before Christmas for the Boys, and again before Easter for the Girls.

St. Edmund the King in Lombard-street, every last Sunday in the Month, at 5 in the Evening.

St. George in Southwark, every third Sunday in the Month, at 5 in the Evening.

St. Giles without Cripplegate, every third and last Sunday in the Month, at 5 in the Evening.

St. James Clerkenwell, the second Sunday in January, April, July, and October.

St. John Wapping, the last Sunday but one in the Month, at 5 in the Evening.

St. Katharine Cree-Church, every and Sunday at 5 in the Evening.

St. Katharine near the Tower, the first Sunday after every Quarter-Day, at 5 in the Evening.

St. Lawrence Jewry, every first Sunday in the Month, at 5 in the Evening.

St. Magnus Parish, at the Foot of *London-Bridge*, every second Sunday in the Month, at 5 in the Evening.

St. Margaret in *Westminster*, the second Sunday in January, at 10 in the Morning, and 2 in the Afternoon.

St. Martin in the *Fields*, every third Sunday in the Month, at 5 in the Evening.

St. Mary-le-Bow in *Cheapside*, every third Sunday, at 5 in the Evening.

St. Mary Magdalen Bermondsey, every second Sunday in the Month, at 5 in the Evening.

St. Mary Rotherhith, every third Sunday in the Month, at 5 in the Evening.

St. Mary at *White-Chappel*, every last Sunday in the Month, at 2 in the Afternoon.

* *St. Matthew Friday-street*, every last Sunday, at 5 in the Evening.

* *St. Michael Cornhill*, the second Sunday in the Month, at 5 in the Evening.

* *St. Michael Crooked-Lane*, once a Quarter.

* *St. Michael Queenhith*, every second Sunday in the Month, at 5 in the Evening.

New-Church in *Westminster*, the fourth Sunday in *Advent*, at 10 in the Morning, and 2 in the Afternoon.

St. Olave Southwark, every first Sunday in the Month, at 5 in the Evening.

Oxenden Chappel near *Leicesterfields*, the first Sunday after every Quarter Day, at 10 in the Morning, and 2 in the Afternoon.

St. Peter-le-Poor in *Broadstreet*, every Sunday Evening at 5. ---

St. Paul Shadwell, the last Sunday in the Month, at 5 in the Evening.

Poplar-Chappel in *Stepney* Parish, the Sunday after every Quarter-day.

St. Sepulchres without *Newgate*, every second Sunday in the Month, at 5 in the Evening.

St. Stephen in *Coleman-Street*, every third Sunday in the Month, at 5 in the Evening.

St. Thomas in *Southwark*, every first Sunday in the Month, at 5 in the Evening.

The *Tabernacle* in *Petticoat-Lane*, *Spittle-Fields*, every third Sunday, when there are five Sundays in the Month, at 5 in the Evening.

Trinity-Chappel near *Burlington-House*, the *Wednesday* before every Quarter-Day, at 10 in the Morning.

NOTE. There are other Places where Sermons are preach'd on the same Occasion ; as *St. Giles's* in the *Fields*, *St. Leonard's Shore-ditch*, &c. But the Times are not fix'd.

Numb. VI.

An Account of LECTURES Preach'd,
and COLLECTIONS made, for
the Setting up and Maintaining
CHARITY-SCHOOLS, in
other Parts of ENGLAND.

AT Blewbury in Berkshire, the first Sunday in July.
OXFORD, at St. Martin's Church, on St. Luke's Day.
YORK, at St. Church, on St. John's Day.
Ipswich in Suffolk, once a Quarter.
Ipswich in Suffolk, once a Quarter.
Nottingham, once a Year.
Stamford, Lincolnshire, once a Year.
Spofforth, Yorkshire, once a Year.
Wetherby, Yorkshire, once a Year.

Numb. VII.

THERE having sometimes happen'd much Difficulty in obtaining a Legacy given to the Charity-Schools, by Reason of some Defect in expressing such Bequest; it seems convenient to set down how such Legacy may be so expressed, as to prevent any Scruple about Paying it; which may be done in this Manner, viz.

ITEM, I A. B. do give and bequeath unto G. H. of
the Sum of Pounds, to the Intent and on Trust
that he do pay the same to the Treasurers for the Time being of
the Charity-School, for teaching [poor Children, or poor Boys,
or poor Girls] to Read, &c. in the Parish of in the
City of or in the County of
for the Use of the said School.

Numb. VIII.

An Account of the Times and Places of the
PUBLICK EXAMINATIONS of several
CHARITY-SCHOOLS
in and about LONDON.

ST. Andrew's in *Helborn*, the *second Sunday* in *April, July, October,*
and January, at the *Inquest-House*, adjoining to the *Church-Yard*.

St. Botolph's *Aldgate*, the *Sunday* next before every *Quarter-Day*,
 at *Mr.*

St. Clement Dane's, the *last Sunday* in the *Month*, at *Mr. Coffin's*,
 in the *Church-Yard* near the *Play-House* in *Lincoln's Inn-Fields*.

St. Dunstan's in the *West*, for *Boys*, the *Sunday* next after every
Quarter-day, at *Mr. Joseph Brown's*, in the *Quest-Room* of *St. Dunstons*
 in the *West*.

St. James's *Clarendon*, the *first Sunday* in *April, July, October* and
January, at *Mr. John Honeycott's*, in the *Passage* leading to the *Fields*
 near *Bridewell*.

St. Leonard's *Shoreditch*, the *second Sunday* in *March, June, September,*
 and *December*, at *Mr. William Barry's*, over against *Holloway-*
Lane.

St. Martin's in the *Fields*, the *Sunday* next before every *Quarter-*
Day, at *Mr. Richard Somersall's* in *Hungerford-Market*.

St. Margaret's *Westminster*, every *Sunday* at the *Work-House* in *Tot-*
hill-Fields.

Ditto, Every *Sunday*, after *Evening Sermon*, at the *Blue-Coat-*
School, near the *New-Church*, by *Tot-hill-Fields*.

St. Sepulchres, for *Girls*, the *Sunday* before every *Quarter-Day*,
 at *Mrs. Norton's* in *Nags-Head-Ally* on *Snod-Hill*.

* *Ditto*, for *Boys*, the *Sunday* next after every *Quarter-Day*, at
Mr. Francis Robinson's in *Fox-Court* in *Cow-Lane*.

NOTE. These *Examinations* begin at *Five* in the *Evening*.

Numb. IX.

Several Persons concern'd in Promoting Charity-Schools, being desirous to know what Books may be fit to be put into the Hands of the Masters of the said Schools, the following Catalogue is proposed to their Consideration.

A Quarto Bible with a Chronological Table, printed at London, Price Bound 18s.

Some Commentary upon the Holy Scriptures.

Bishop *Fell's* Paraphrase on St. Paul's Epistles. Price 4s.

Bishop *Patrick's* Search the Scriptures. Price 2s.

Lowth's Directions for the profitable Reading of the holy Scriptures. Price 2s.

Plain Directions for reading the Holy Bible. Price 2d.

Common-Prayer Book with singing Psalms. Price 1s. 6d.

Comber on the Common-Prayer. Price 4s.

Bishop *Beveridge's* Sermon concerning the Excellency and Usefulness of the Common-Prayer. Price 3d.

Some Book of Psalmody.

Mr. *Nelson's* Companion for the Festivals and Fasts of the Church of England. Price 5s.

Bishop *Ken's* Exposition of the Church-Catechism. Price 1s. 6d.

Bishop of *Salisbury's* Exposition of the Church-Catechism. Pr. 3s. 6d.

Or,

Bishop of *Lincoln's* Exposition of the Church-Catechism. Pr. 2s.

Or,

Bishop *Beveridge's* Church-Catechism explain'd. Price 1s. 6d.

Dr. *Bray's* Catechetical Institution, and Baptismal Covenant. Pr. 2s.

Bishop *Beveridge* on Publick Prayer, and frequent Communion. Price 1s. 6d.

Mr. *Nelson* on the Sacrament. Price 1s. 6d.

Rawles's Sacramental Covenanting with Christ. Price 3s. 6d.

Prayers before, at, and after the Sacrament. Price 4d.

The Whole Duty of Man. Price 2s. 9d.

Dr. *Hammond's* Practical Catechism. Price 5s.

Ostervald's Grounds and Principles of the Christian Religion. Pr. 2s.

Dr. *Lucas's* Practical Christianity. Price 2s. 6d.

Arndt's True Christianity. Price 5s. 6d.

Bishop *Taylor's* Holy Living and Dying. Price 5s.

Life of God in the Soul of Man. Price 1s. 8d.

- Worthington's* Great Duty of Self-Resignation to the Divine Will.
Price 2s.
- Bishop *Hopkins's* Great Duty of Mortification. Price 1s. 6d.
- Lord Chief Justice *Hales's* Contemplations, Moral and Divine.
Price 4s. 6d.
- Dr. *Worthington's* Thomas à Kempis. Price 1s. 6d. Or,
Dr. *Stanhope's*. Price 4s.
- Jenks's* Devotions. Price 2s. 6d.
- Life of *James Bonnell Esq;* Price 3s.
- Grotius* of the Truth of the Christian Religion, translated by Bishop
Patrick. Price 2s. 6d.
- Ostervald's* Causes of the present Corruption of Christians. Pr. 4s. 6d.
- Reflections on Mens Prejudices against Religion, and their Mistakes
in the Practice of it. Price 4s.
- An Essay upon true Knowledge and sound Judgment in Religion.
Price 2s. 6d.
- Professor *Frank's* Short Introduction to the Practice of the Christian
Religion. Price 3d.
- The Christian Monitor. Price 3d.
- Professor *Frank's* Account of the Hospital at *Hall*, intituled, *Pietas*
Hallenfis. Price 3s.
- Momre's* Just Measures of the pious Institution of Youth, in 2 Vol.
Price 9s.
- Dr. *Talbot's* Christian School-Master. Price 2s.
- The Christian Education of Children. Price 1s.
- A Method for Instruction of Children and Youth. Price 4d.
- Sermons at the Anniversary Meeting of the Charity-Schools in
London.
- Disney's* First and Second Essay concerning the Execution of the
Laws, against Immorality and Profaneness. Price 5s. 6d.
- Philips's* English Dictionary. Price 16s. Or,
The Abridgment of it. Price 5s. 6d.
- Mr. *Turner's* Spelling Book, and *English* Grammar. Price 1s. 6d.
- Mr. *Snell's* New Copy-Book. Price 5s.
- John Johnson's* Arithmetick.
- Hatton's* Arithmetick. Price 4s.
- Vernon's* Compleat Counting-House. Price 9d.
- Ayres's* Youth's Introduction to Trade.

N. B. Many of the forementioned Books have been provided at the Charge
of the Benefactors to Charity-Schools, and kept in a Press for the Use
of the Masters for the Time being; And the same may be had of the
Publisher of this Account: All bound in Calfs.

BOOKS Proper to be Used in Charity-Schools.

A Bible, Testament, and Common-Prayer Book.

The Church-Catechism.

The Church-Catechism broke into short Questions.

Lewis's Exposition of the Church-Catechism.

Worthington's Scripture-Catechism.

The first Principles of practical Christianity.

Dr. Woodward's Short Catechism, with an Explanation of divers hard Words.

New Method of Catechizing.

Prayers for the Charity-Schools.

The Christian Scholar.

An Exercise for Charity-Schools upon Confirmation.

Pastoral Advice before, and after Confirmation.

The whole Duty of Man by Way of Dialogue.

Abridgment of the History of the Bible, which may be well bound up at the Beginning of the Bible, or at the End.

The Anatomy of Orthography: Or, a practical Introduction to the Art of Spelling and Reading English.

The

T H E
H Y M N

*Which was Sung at the Anniversary-Meeting of the Children
Educated in the Charity-Schools of London and
Westminster, at St. Sepulchre's Church, on Thursday
in Whitsun-Week, 1712.*

T O A P S A L M - T U N E .

A GAIN, the kind revolving Year
Has brought this Happy Day,
And we in GOD's blest House appear

Again, our Vows to pay,
Our watchful Guardians, rob'd in Light,
Adore the HEAV'NLY KING;
Ten Thousand Thousand Seraphs bright
Incessant Praises Sing.

They know no Want, they feel no Care,
Nor ever sigh as we,
Sorrow and Sin are Strangers there,
And all is HARMONY.
If ought can add unto their Bliss,
Or raise their Raptures higher,
New Joys in HEAV'N at Sight's like this,
New Anthems fill the QUIET.

With what resembling Care and Love
Both Worlds for us appear;
Our Blessed GUARDIANS, those above,
Our BENEFACTORS here!
To that great Undivided THREE,
Whom Earth and Heav'n Adore;
As was, and is, all Glory be
Till Time shall be no more.

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--- *And to remember the Words of the Lord Jesus, how He said, It is more Blessed to give than to receive.*

THESE Words are the Conclusion of a very affectionate and long Discourse, which St. Paul continued even till Midnight, at Miletus, whither a very great Concourse of devout Christians, from all Parts of Asia, came to attend him upon his Summons, and then took their final Leave of him, and received his Counsel, and last Benediction. Wherein, after he had solemnly purged himself, by a solemn Appeal to God and to their Consciences, in that he had declared the whole Will of God to them, and was therefore clear of the Blood of any, that should unhappily miscarry; and had moreover recommended them to God, and the Word of His Grace; that he might leave the Sum of all his Preaching the warmer upon their Hearts, he concludes with this earnest

nest Exhortation, that they would ever remember the Words of our Lord Jesus, how he said; *It is more Blessed to give than to receive.*

AND what Words could I have pitcht on, that might sink so deep into your Hearts, or that can be so justly adapted to your present pious Dispositions, as these? If you will reflect withal, that our Lord did once vouchsafe to be under the very Circumstances of these little ones now before us; and was an innocent, meek, teachable, industrious, and humble Child himself; born of Parents as mean; as destitute as these Children are; but possibly more Industrious, certainly more Holy than theirs: Educated by them every way as hardly; subject to them in all things; and exercised under them, from the beginning, in that very way of Piety and universal Goodness, to which these Children, by your religious and watchful Care, are devoted; and from which He never, in the least Semblance of a single Instance, once departed.

LET me therefore charge this upon your tender Souls, *Dear Children*, and conjure you to Write it in your Hearts; that our Lord Jesus was once as one of you: And that you continually beg of Him to give you his Grace, so to improve in all the Virtues of

the Christian Life, as to grow daily more and more like unto Him, in every Station of your Lives.

AND for our Encouragement in this good Work, we may presume to believe, that our Lord, at their Years, would have been better pleased to have been one of such an holy Meeting, in such an holy Place, upon such an holy Occasion as this; than he was at his Sitting in the midst of the Doctors. And therefore, whoever shall commiserate the Circumstances of these poor Children before us, or be any ways Assisting to their Education; will doubtless feel an unspeakable Comfort springing up in his own Soul, from this well-grounded Hope, that what he doth to the least of these little ones, our Blessed Lord will graciously accept, as done in very deed unto himself.

AND as our Lord gradually improved in Stature and Wisdom; it pleased the Divine Providence, purposely to choose such Circumstances of Life for Him, as would best accord with, would best express this sacred Maxim and Principle of his Heart: For of all Men that ever were, or shall be born; He least affected, least desired to Receive, and had the most exquisite taste and relish of Giving, and of doing Good.

SO that we may, not without some grounds of Probability, infer from these Words, not being so much as once recorded in any of the Gospels, that they were the familiar Saying of our Saviour; which could never be in danger of being lost, so long as any Memory of Him should be preserved; and are therefore very justly styled by the Apostle, peculiarly the *Words of our Lord Jesus*; and may be received by us as the Christian Devise or Motto; which with all possible Propriety might have been Engraven upon his Cross, whereon he freely gave all that humane Nature hath to give, or can ever want; he gave his blessed Self a Ransom for the World: However they ought to be writ in the Heart of every Christian, as an Eternal Memorial of these three great Points; which I shall make the Heads of my Discourse.

THE *First Point* is, *That these Words represent the Character of our Lord.*

THE *Second*, *That they express the Genius of his Religion.*

THE *Third*, *That they declare to us, wherein the peculiar Blessedness of the Christian Life does consist.* And,

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First, From these Words, being so familiar with our Lord, we may *presume* they were intended to represent the Character of his very Soul; how he was devoted to all the Offices of Humanity and good Nature.

THE two general Habits which filled and employed the whole intenseness of his Soul, were unaffected Piety towards God, and Charity to Mankind; and that these two sacred Duties might never, or very rarely, interfere; He chose the Solitude of the Night for his usual Devotions, that no opportunity of doing Good might slip by Him unobserved, or unimproved; but yet, if they did providentially interfere, He preferred Mercy to Men, before Sacrifice to God.

HE had not any one Affection in the blessed Frame of his Mind, but what was divinely exercised in constant Acts of Beneficence; for He scarce so much as ever indulged himself in any one innocent Pleasure of humane Life, but the going about continually to do Good, the very Blessedness of my Text; which was Meat and Drink indeed to Him, who knew no other Desires but to fulfil all Righteousness, by doing the Works of miraculous Goodness, which never Man did; healing the Souls and Bodies of

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Men tormented by the Devil, and exhibiting himself, upon all Occasions, a familiar Example of that divine Life of Piety and Charity, of which Man is capable through his Grace, and by an humble imitation of Him.

AND here, be pleased to observe, that our Lord chose not the Charity of Alms-giving for his Province; how blessed a Part soever that be: For Gold and Silver He had none; neither his Kingdom, nor any part of his Treasure, were of this World: Neither had He the like Obligations with us, to lay a good Foundation against the time to come, by transferring hereby the perishing Interest of present things into Heaven, where He was Lord and Heir of all things; this indeed is our Duty, because Liberality in giving is as absolutely requisite to the future Happiness of the rich Giver, as it is necessary to the present Subsistence of the poor Receiver.

THIS part therefore He left for those principally, whom He intended to honour with the sacred Trust of being the immediate Stewards of his Providence; to whose Commiseration and Care He should commit the indigent Creatures of his Family; that by a compassionate Heart, and a liberal Hand, and a discreet Distribution, they might be in the place of God himself, doing Good

continually, receiving the Petitions and the Blessings of those that are ready to perish, and thereby becoming perfect in all the Offices of Mercy and Goodness.

THIS part of Liberality, I say, our Lord exercised not: but his divine Compassion was intent upon a Charity much more exalted than this; the relieving the Souls of Men, and providing for their eternal Welfare; a Charity in kind, and in design, which this of yours resembles. For though your Liberality hath greatly abounded, yet the chief Scope of this *your labour of Love*, is the Christian Education of these poor Children; that they may be early seasoned with the Principles of pure and undefiled Religion, and may become Examples of Virtue and Piety, in those Families where they shall be received, and may do some good in their Generations, and continue for ever living Members of the Kingdom of God. This is a Charity, wherein you truly co-operate with our Blessed Lord, the Lover of Souls, and Saviour of Mankind: because it extends farther than to the short Subsistence and Accommodation of this transient State; and applies it self to the making seasonable Provisions for Eternity. A Charity therefore, whose blessed Effects shall never fail:

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So that there shall not be one Object of this your present Beneficence, whose happy Education, under your pious Care, shall set him right in the ways of God; but who (if he persists therein) shall every Moment of a blessed Eternity have reason to thank God and you, for that Happiness, the Foundation whereof was laid in this your Charity.

AND this I mention for the Honour of this particular kind of Charity, above all others, and for your great Incouragement in it; that it is the very Part our Lord chose, wherein to display the utmost beneficial extent, and perfection of Goodness. For what other is your most Christian Aim in this, but the very same with that of our Blessed Saviour's; the Glory of God, the Inlargement of his Kingdom, and the eternal Happiness of these little ones that are now before us! These are indeed an astonishing Number, very near Five Thousand; so wonderfully hath this your Charity, through the Mercies of God, grown and prevailed! And of such happy Influence hath your Example been, that I trust (if our political Discords do not withhold the Mercy of God from prospering this good Work, as He hath hitherto done) many of us shall live to see Orphans bred up in this publick Manner, ex-

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ceed, in the several Parts of this Kingdom, the Number of those that were Sealed in the several Tribes of Israel.

THE present Appearance of so many clean, decent, modest Children; their reverent Behaviour in the House of God; their exact Conformity to the Orders and Ceremonies of our Church; is, I verily assure my self, the goodliest Sight the whole World can boast of in any kind: Is a Sight, I presume to say, which their Holy Angels, who always stand before the Face of God, do now peculiarly rejoice in. If then we might be permitted to glory, we would glory in this Appearance. But the ostentatious part of this, farther than as it may *provoke unto Love, and unto good Works*, You, with a truly Christian Humility, avoid: For though the World may read so large a Catalogue of these happy Objects of your wise and religious Care; yet the Names of you, their chief Patrons and Benefactors, are no where to be found, but in the *Book of Life*: There is the punctual Record of this your Charity; and thence shall be adjudged your full Reward.

I proceed to the *Second Observation* from these Words of our Lord, that they express the Genius of his Religion; the natural tendency whereof is,

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to smoothe and soften our harsh and unrelenting Tempers, that thereby we might be perfectly disposed and furnished unto every good Work.

INFINITE Goodness, the very substantial Goodness of the Godhead, was intimately united to the Soul of our Saviour: And therefore is this Principle of Beneficence and universal Good-will, the proper Spirit of his holy Religion; and should be the Temper and Character of all his Followers.

BUT so subtle hath been the Enemy of Mankind, that, in many parts of the Christian World abroad, he hath greatly abused the tender Affections of Persons, zealously bent upon doing Good in a more than ordinary degree; and hath thereby betrayed them into many hurtful and foolish Superstitions. But, blessed be God, instead of Monastick Foundations; He hath raised up amongst us, every where, Nurseries of pious and useful Education, where our Youth are instructed in every good Work that can be profitable for Men.

TO this truly Christian Spirit, so abundantly shed abroad in all your Hearts, it is to be ascribed, that these Children stand before us, separated, I hope, from the Pollutions of the World; but by no means from

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the Employments of it : For by your religious Care, and the joint Liberality of others, they are placed out to the several Occupations that are most suitable to their Capacities, and Strength ; but the good Foundation is first laid ; they are first *brought up in the Nurture and Admonition of the Lord* ; are nourished and sustained *with the sincere Milk of the Word* ; that they may grow thereby to be capable of receiving the *Bread of Eternal Life* : So that they are never recommended to any Family, till you have had good experience of them, that they are well seasoned with Piety, Industry, and good Manners ; whereby, I hope, it is generally found, that the Blessing of God goes along with them, as it did with holy *Joseph*, that *whatever they do, the Lord maketh it to Prosper*. And reflect, I beseech you, for your own Comfort, if there be Joy in the Presence of God over one Sinner that repenteth ; what may justly be your humble Hope, in that such Multitudes (who otherways would, most probably, have been exposed to Idleness and a dissolute Life) are, by your provident Piety, under so hopeful a prevention of ever being grievous Sinners, or needing deep Repentance ?

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BUT then, let every one consider, how aggravating his Guilt will be, that shall any ways offend one of the least of these little ones; seducing him from the Ways of God and Virtue, into the Paths of Sin and Perdition. Whoever of these shall thus miscarry; You and the Publick shall stand discharged: His Punishment shall be upon his own Head, and his Accomplices: Because, if any Charity shall ever be so graciously accepted for true Righteousness, as to cover a multitude of Sins, either of the Charitable Person himself, or of the Community to which he belongs, from being rigorously accounted for; I should indulge my hopes from this Charity, above all other; because there seems some glimpse of equitable Congruity, that that Charity should cover the most Sins in our selves, which is intended to prevent, as far as possible, the Sins of others.

AND, for this good End, the publick Provisions and Encouragements for Religion and Virtue; the Laws against Immorality and Prophaneness, never were in any Age, or in any Country, wiser or better, than in our own. And I cannot but in gratitude to the Administration think, that these our good Laws, so often inforc'd by repeated Admonitions from the Throne,

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have had their good Effect: And permit me to observe it to the Glory God first, and next, under these Encouragements and Assistances, to the highly deserved Commendation of the Parochial Clergy amongst us; that through their assiduous Labours, their sound and affectionate Preaching, and their good Example in all things; never were our Churches so well filled; never our Communions so frequented; never more holy Zeal, more humble Devotion; never larger Charities, than what are constantly offered up at the Holy Table in every Church of this great City.

BUT that which hath principally given Life to our Laws, Vigour to the Ministers of God, and Efficacy to every Example; that which powerfully recommendeth our National Interest to the Divine Providence, is the eminent Piety and Charity of our supreme Governor, whom God hath set upon the Throne of these Nations: who, from the Years of the least of these little ones, hath remembered her Creator; and, ever since, hath endeavoured to adorn her Soul with all divine Graces, suitable as well to the immediate Ministers of God, as to the humblest of all his Servants; who, I believe, hath for that end, never omitted to Worship God, Morning and Evening, in private: And I never heard,

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tho' I have been honoured with her Service ever since her happy Accession to the Throne, that She ever once wholly omitted the publick Offices of our Liturgy: She lifts up holy Hands, day by day, for a Blessing on the publick Councils and Administration; that every thing may work together for the greater Good of all her Subjects, and the Peace of the World. And, that the Desires of her Soul might be more prevalent with God, her Devotions ascend not to Heaven empty; for her Royal Charity ever accompanies her Devotion; this is the holy Incense with which her Prayers are constantly offered up to God, for his Blessing on her Government; and therefore She *deviseeth liberal Things*. The Refugees of all Nations feel her Charity, and are nourished from her Hands; how much more then, her own born Subjects, who are the very natural Members of Her political Person, and are therefore every one of them as her Child?

HERE then is our Comfort; and let this be my Apology, that I have mentioned these things, which are better known than I can possibly describe them; that if this good Work before us should ever be in Distress; we have a never-failing Resource, sealed to us in the very Elements of her

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Royal Heart, that no publick Work, which tends so directly to the Honour of God, so immediately to the Relief of the Poor, so diffusively to the common Benefit of all her People, can ever want her utmost Incouragement and Assistance.

AND it hath been a constant good Omen with me, that God would entertain Thoughts of Mercy towards this Nation, and in his own good time give us the Establishment of Peace; in that He hath raised up this Spirit of Charity, which hath gradually extended its *Influence*, as the Burden of the War hath increased: And this hath been our Wisdom; that our Prayers and Alms have contended before God with as true a Zeal, as our valiant Country-Men have fought: And though they have been always Conquerours, yet I am sure they will forgive me in saying, that the happy Issue of all their Victories is due to that Blessing, which the publick Charity and Piety have, at last, obtained from the Great Arbitrator of the World, whose sole Prerogative it is, to weigh, and ballance the Nations; and to determine the Bounds of their Habitations.

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AND therefore give me leave farther to observe, and I do it with a joyful Heart, as a just Incouragement to you, to abound more and more in this good Work ; That this your most Christian Charity, and all other your publick Alms, joined with those of our Royal Intercessor, are at last come before God for a Memorial for us ; for He hath, at length, been graciously pleased to hear and pity our Groans and Oppressions, under the Calamities of this long and wasting War ; and will, I hope, say effectually to the Sword, *Destroy no farther :* And, for this great and good End, He hath been pleased to single out the comprehensive Wisdom, Equanimity, and Justice of our Queen, *whom he delights to Honour,* to compass and settle the Terms of Peace.

LET it therefore be the Glory of Her Reign, that She loves Peace more than Conquest ; and that our Ease and Prosperity are nearer her Heart, than any other Interest whatsoever : And, next to Her, let us wish all manner of Felicity to those, who with so much Wisdom, Fidelity, Courage, and Zeal, have served their Country under Her Directions, in this great Work : And notwithstanding all the unnatural

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Difficulties, which have been cast in their way, have yet wrought out for us such a Deliverance, and such a Peace as this, which I hope we are just entering upon: A Peace, wherein our Government shall be respected abroad, our Trade greatly extended, and our Holy Religion farther secured to us in the Protestant Succession in the *Illustrious House of Hannover!*

WHAT remains to Crown the whole, is our part alone; which is, to endeavour humbly to deserve of God, that this may be a lasting Peace, and a lasting Blessing to us, and to our Posterity.

AND let no Man living, no not all the united Wisdom of the whole Earth, assume presumptuously a Capacity to foresee and determine what Peace shall, in Fact, be lasting; this depends entirely upon Providence, and is in the Hand of God alone: So that there are no certain Terms, nor infallible Security devisable for this; but a general Progress in that Righteousness, whereby, alone, Nations are Established.

AND therefore, my worthy Friends, (to apply this to the Purpose for which I intended it) as this your pious Work hath, I verily believe, had no small Share

in disposing the Divine Mercy to bless, at last, the publick Councils with so happy an Issue; let me beseech you, in Gratitude to God, and true Zeal for our common Interest, to persevere more and more in doing Good.

THAT this your Charity, which hath been so seasonable a Relief against the Poverty, which this War hath unavoidably occasioned, may be as effectual a Provision against that Immorality and Prophaneness, which the Prosperity of Peace will be apt to tempt us to; may it be diffused farther and farther, and continue to bless our Country!

I proceed to the Third and last Observation from the Words of the Text: That they declare to us wherein the peculiar Blessedness of the Christian Life doth consist; which is best promoted by Giving, and by doing Good.

FOR Charity is not a solitary Virtue, a single Blessing; but the happy Conspiration of all those soft and tender Passions, from whence Humanity, that is, the most perfect State of Humane Nature, takes its Name: Nay, all that we know of God, whereby He is in himself the Ble-

sed for evermore, and to us, the great Object of our Love and Adoration, is, that He is absolutely perfect in all the infinite varieties of Goodness, wherein the several Infirmities, and Wants, and Sins of all his Creatures take their Sanctuary and their Refuge.

VARIOUS have been the Graces, the Communications, and Honours, which God at sundry Times, upon infinite Occasions, in several Persons, hath vouchsafed to Mankind; but none in the general hath been comparable to that all-wise indulgent Oeconomy of his Providence, whereby he has commissioned and intrusted every one in his Sphere to be assisting and helpful to each other: That all Mankind might taste the Blessedness of my Text: That you, and I, and all of us, indigent Creatures every one of us, should yet be honoured to be the Stewards of his Providence to one another; should be, not only as it were good Angels, ministering to the Patron and Father of Mankind; but (I speak it with all imaginable Reverence) should be even as Gods on Earth, receiving the Prayers, and relieving

ing the Wants of those, who do not disdain even to prostrate themselves at our Feet. Who can reflect on the Honour and Felicity of this State, and not beg of God to give him an humble, and a thankful Heart, that he may discharge this sacred Commission with Approbation to his Master, Comfort to his own Soul, and to the Good of all about him.

REFLECT, I beseech you, on all the various Scenes of Life, which busy and imploy the Sons of Men: What part can we act upon this great Theatre so Delightful, so Honourable, and so nearly ally'd to God, as that of a Patron and Friend of Mankind?

BUT how blessed it is to Give, how much of the Life of God there is in it, you, I hope, and all other religious Persons, who are exercised in these Virtues, feel at present; and may we all daily feel, more and more, to a blessed Eternity, infinitely beyond what our Hearts can now conceive or Words express!

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I should have been more particular in the Illustration and Inforcement of this Duty, from several Heads of Discourse, which might have been very proper and very necessary in any other Audience, and upon any other Occasion, but this: Which might have been drawn either from those internal Dispositions of Soul, from whence this Christian Virtue, under the Grace of God, doth arise; or from the Habit or actual Exercise by which it is expressed; or from the Conscience and Memory of it, by which it is tasted and enjoyed; or from the natural Fruits which spring from it in this Life, by which it is adorned, nourished and sustained; or from those supernatural Blessings, which, by the Divine Benediction, are promised to it, and shall infallibly reward it hereafter: These Topicks I should, I say, have insisted largely on any where but here, on any Occasion but this; for what Oratory can affect the Hearts of Men like the Appearance of these blessed little Ones before us? who, as it were, irresistibly beget the same Affections in every one that seeth them,
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which the tender Parent hath for his own Child: What Words therefore can be wanting to excite, or can indeed come up to such devout Passions?

AND moreover, the holy Zeal for Charity, which every where appears in this Great City, made me think, and I believe very justly, that there would be no Occasion; that it could scarce be decent, to press the Generosity and Growth of your Charity, particularly in this highly commendable Instance before us, either by any Amplifications of the Duty it self, or by any Views of the Rewards of it.

AND besides, I am verily persuaded, that every one of you here present, and all others, who are united with you, and are any ways assisting to you in this holy League of Charity, are already, or shall be hereafter visible instances of the Blessing of the Divine Providence.

AND may the Divine Mercy return the Blessing of this Charity to you in kind! That for your Feeding, your Cloathing, your Educating these helpless little

little ones, He would continually Bless all you, who are now, or who shall at any time hereafter be Parents of Children; that they may take good Courses, may grow up in the Fear and Service of God, may never be destitute of true and faithful Friends, may every way be tasting Comforts to you, and happy Heirs with you of Eternal Life!

And solace your Hearts by Faith, that our Lord, who embraced and laid his Hands on, and blessed those little Children that were brought unto Him, will doubtless accept this Charitable Work of yours, and Bless you, even you, who do now present these before Him. For the Prayers of them and of their Parents shall take Place, the Blessings of these that were ready to Perish, not with Cold, and Hunger, and Nakedness only, but without this your pious Care, even eternally, through an idle and dissolute Life; the Blessings of these, I say, shall come upon you: And they shall be Intercessors for you at the Throne of Jesus, who did once vouchsafe to be Poor himself, but is now exalted to the Right Hand

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Hand of God, there to be their Patron and ours, Before whom, when, in the great and terrible Day, wherein we must all give an Account of our own Works, it shall be required of us, whom have ye Fed, whom Cloathed, whom Educated in the Fear and Service of God: These here present, and all other Objects of your Charity, shall stand up and appear as your Vouchers: And for the eternal Reward of your Charity, may you then hear the Merciful Jesus, our Lord and Judge, say to you, *Come ye blessed of my Father, what ye did to the least of these little ones, ye did it unto me, enter into the Joy of your Lord.*

LET me therefore, worthy Friends, conclude this Discourse, as the Apostle did his; that however what has now, from a sincere Zeal to this good Work, been offered to your Meditations, may possibly affect you; I do exhort you, I beseech you, I conjure you by the Lord Jesus, that you would ever remember His most Sacred Words, which carry in them the express Character of His

His very Soul; the true Spirit of His Religion; and the happiest State of the Christian Life; write them in your Hearts, never to be forgotten, how He said, *It is more Blessed to give than to receive.*

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*At that Time Jesus answered and said,
I thank thee, O Father, Lord of
Heaven and Earth, because thou
hast hid these Things from the wise
and prudent, and hast revealed
them unto Babes.*

THERE is no visible Connexion between these Words, and what pass'd immediately before; nor is it clearly evident, or generally agreed, what it was that gave Occasion to our Lord, thus to rejoice in Spirit, and to break out into these Expressions of Praise and Thankfulness to his heavenly Lord and Father. He is said to answer, tho' there is nothing in the whole Chapter, but that Question propounded to him in the Beginning of it, by Two of John's Disciples, that needs an Answer, or will admit of one; so that we can understand no more by that Phrase, but his con-

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tinuing to speak, and proceeding in his Discourse; or else replying upon himself with Reference to some Subject, whereon he had been secretly ruminating in his Mind.

The Words that have the greatest Affinity with those now before us of any in the Chapter, are what we read in the End of the 5th Verse: *The Poor have the Gospel preached unto them.* Which *Poor* in that Verse, seems plainly to design the same Persons, with *Babes* in this: Those Things which were *hid from the wise and prudent, and revealed unto Babes*, we may naturally interpret of the glad Tidings of that *Gospel*, which *the Poor had preached unto them*: The Poverty in one Place, and the Infancy in the other, are of the same Extent; both have an Allegorical Meaning besides the plain and literal One, and imply not only a Meanness of Fortune and Depression as to outward Circumstances, but a Poverty of Spirit and Dejectedness of Mind; not only the Weakness and Ignorance, but the artless and undisguised Simplicity, the Openness, Candor, and Submission of a little Child: Such a State, in short, as had both the greatest Need of spiritual Instruction, and was best qualified to receive it. These were the *Poor*, to whom the *Gospel was preach'd*; these the *Babes*, to whom those Things were thought

thought fit to be *reveal'd* which were *hid* from the worldly wise.

The only Difference between the two Passages seems to be, that what our Saviour had urg'd in the 5th Verse, as a Proof of his own Mission, and an Argument that he was the true Messiah, he makes another Use of at this 25th Verse, where (after a pretty long Digression, containing a Character of *St. John Baptist*, and a Reproof to those incorrigible, unbelieving Cities, in which he had chiefly wrought his Miracles,) he takes Occasion from the high Satisfaction he found in the Success and Efficacy of his Doctrine, to improve the same Reflexion on his converting the Poor, and Illumination of the Dark and Ignorant, by which he had establish'd his own Credit, to the Exaltation of his Father's Name. *I thank thee, O Father, Lord of Heaven and Earth, because thou hast hid these Things from the wise and prudent, and hast revealed them unto Babes.*

From which Words, whether so connected or not with the abovementioned Passage toward the Beginning of the Chapter, yet at least as fit to be compar'd with it, as concurring in the same Design, and establishing the same important Truth, we may not im-

improperly take a Handle for considering the following Points.

I. That the Revealing the Mysteries of Christianity to those who were destitute of all saving Knowledge, but were spiritually *Poor*, and *Babes* in Understanding, was both a proper Evidence of our Saviour's divine Mission, and a just Matter of Praise to Almighty God.

II. That it is a very becoming Instance of Christian Obedience, a laudable Imitation of our blessed Lord, and highly conducing to God's Glory, for us, in our several Capacities, to propagate that Revelation to those who are yet *Babes*, and who have not yet been initiated, or not so fully as they ought, in the Mysteries of the Gospel.

III. And this will easily lead me in the *Third Place* to apply the Substance of what shall be advanced under those *Two Heads*, to the Religious and Christian Undertaking, that occasions this goodly Appearance of *Poor*, who *have the Gospel preached unto them*; and of *Babes*, to whom those Truths of Christianity are *reveal'd*, in so edifying a Manner, which, thro' their own Default, are *hid from the carnally wise and prudent*.

I. I shall endeavour to convince you, that the Revealing the Mysteries of Christianity to those who were destitute of all saving Knowledge, but were spiritually Poor, and Babes in Understanding, was both a proper Evidence of our Saviour's divine Mission, and a just Matter of Praise to Almighty God.

Among the many other Advantages that were to accrue to Mankind upon the coming of the Messiah, among the distinguishing Marks and Characters that were given of him by the Prophets, it was foretold by *Isaiah* .29. 19. *The Meek also shall encrease their Joy in the Lord, and the Poor among Men shall rejoice in the holy One of Israel.* And again, 61. 1. *The Lord hath anointed me to proclaim glad Tidings to the Poor.* And the Royal Psalmist, when, in the 10th Verse of the 68th Psalm, he had magnified God for having of his Goodness prepared for the Poor, proceeds to shew us in the following Verse, what sort of Preparation he had made for 'em, viz. a Provision of spiritual Food and Nourishment proper for the Soul, an Abundance of Doctrine and Plenty of the Word, in Opposition to that *Famine of the Word*, which is threaten'd in the Prophecy of *Amos*, as one of the greatest Curses that can befall a People. *The Lord gave the Word, great was the company of Preachers,*

ers, or them that publish'd it, Psal. 68. 11. And elsewhere, Out of the Mouths of Babes and Sucklings hast thou ordained Strength, Psal. 8. 2.

In Allusion to which Predictions our Saviour, in the Chapter of the Text, insists on his preaching the Gospel to the Poor, as one of the principal Marks by which he was to be known. For when *John the Baptist* had sent Two of his Disciples to enquire of him whether he were the Christ or not; *Art thou he that should come, or do we look for another?* he returned this short but significant Answer by them; *Go and tell John again those Things which ye do see and hear; the Blind receive their Sight, the Lame walk, the Lepers are cleansed, the Deaf hear, the Dead are raised up, and the Poor have the Gospel preached unto them.*

As much as to say, consider what you have either seen me do, or heard attested by credible Witnesses, compare my Actions with those ascrib'd by the Prophets to the Messiah, observe how exactly all Circumstances agree, and you will not need any Declaration of mine to certify you whether I am the Christ or not. And this indeed was the most proper and convincing Argument he could have us'd; for the bare averring such a Thing, without Proof; the pretending to a divine Mission, without shewing his Credentials, would have

have given little Satisfaction, and scarce have procur'd him many Profelytes.

But when he appeals to their own Senses, when he desires 'em but to make a true Report of those Things which they had seen and heard, and leaves 'em to judge of his Authority by his Actions, he took the most effectual Way to remove all Scruples, and to leave 'em without Excuse, if they did not believe in him. Those who would never have given him any Credit on his own Word and Asseveration, were much better convinced, when he bid them believe *for the very Work's sake*. When they beheld the maim'd and defective Organs of Sense and Motion, which were lost beyond the Help of Physick, or Recovery of Art, restor'd to their former Use, without any other Application than that of a few Words; when they beheld dead Bodies restor'd to Life, and dying Ones to Health; how the Poor and Calamitous of the Earth were invited to be Partakers of the gracious Terms of the Gospel Covenant; and those who had no Possessions on Earth, were taught to expect a Kingdom in Heaven: All which were such visible Tokens and Indications of the true Messiah; there was no opposing such powerful Conviction, nor

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withstanding the Force of such irresistible Evidence.

But it may possibly be objected, That the last of these Tokens, which is most to our present Purpose, had nothing miraculous in it, and was therefore a less distinguishing Note of his Divinity than any of the others. Men may be apt to imagine, that there needed no supernatural Aid or divine Impulse to enable him to execute the Office of a Preacher, and instruct the ignorant Multitude in the Rules of plain Morality, for which he might easily be qualified by a Readiness of Invention and Fluency of Speech, without a Commission from on High, and by less than a divine Power.

But yet if we respect the amazing Efficacy and Success of the Doctrine he deliver'd, and the Influence it had on the Lives of those that heard it; how convincingly he silenced the Gain-saying; how graciously he enlighten'd the Ignorant; how happily he reform'd the Vicious; with what admirable Dexterity he avoided the insidious Questions of the Captious and Ensnaring; if we consider how all who heard him, even when a Child, *were amaz'd at his Understanding and Answers*: How the Officers, who were sent to apprehend him, had not Power to execute their Commission, but
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with Astonishment confess'd, that *never Man spake like that Man*. If we consider the peculiar Worth and Excellence of those Rules which he enjoin'd, of what exceeding Benefit and Importance they are to Mankind, and how much they tend to the improving humane Nature, and raising it to the highest Degree of Perfection; it will sufficiently appear, that in the Discharge of this humble and condescending Office, he acted by as divine a Power, and gave as convincing Proofs of his heavenly Original, as in any of the others; that he was no less considerable in that Mount on which he preach'd, than in that on which he was transfigur'd; when he convers'd with Publicans and Sinners, than when he talk'd with *Moses* and *Elias*; when he familiarly stil'd himself the Son of Man, than when he was proclaim'd the *Son of God* from Heaven; when he converted those who were dead in their Sins, and rais'd in 'em a Newness of Life, than when, in a literal Sense, he rais'd from the dead the departed *Lazarus*, and the Widow's Son.

Even the Obscurity and low Estate of those who first receiv'd the Publication, which by some of the Enemies of the Cross, has been urg'd as an Argument against the Credit of the Publisher, does, on the contrary, more

undeniably establish and confirm it. Thus it behoved Christ to converse, such *lost Sheep* was he to *seek and save*, such *Sinners* did he come to *call to Repentance*, to reduce such *Wanderers* into the *Way*, to be a *Light* to those who thus *sat in Darknefs*, and in the *Shadow of Death*, and to *guide their Feet into the Way of Peace*.

Had he taken any other Measures in propagating his Religion; had he applied himself to the great and leading Men of the Age and Nation where he liv'd; had he courted the Powers that were then in Being, to countenance his Design; had he sought to establish it by the Help of a Confederate and united Faction, and the powerful Influence of a prevailing Party, (which humane Prudence would have suggested to him, as the most likely Methods of succeeding, if he had not been conscious that it was able to make its Way by the Force of its own native Conviction, tho' in the Hands of the weakest Instruments) he would not have corresponded so exactly with the Description of the Messiah by the Prophets, and we should have wanted one powerful Argument for the Truth of Christianity.

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And as his proceeding in this Manner was a proper Evidence of his being sent from Heaven, so was it likewise a just Matter of Praise to Almighty God. The faithful Execution of his Will, and Accomplishment of his Purposes, by such Methods, and under such Regulations as he has thought fit to prescribe, is always highly acceptable and well-pleasing to him, and was never more acceptable than in the several Steps that were taken by the Redeemer of Mankind, toward the effecting that Redemption. If at the first Formation of the World he survey'd the several Parts of his Workmanship, and with Pleasure pronounc'd, *that they were good*, i. e. conformable to the Model in his eternal Mind, and adorn'd with such Kinds and Degrees of Perfection, as he had allotted to the several Species that compos'd it; with how much greater Satisfaction did he survey the new Creation, the Renovation of fallen Man, his Regeneration *by Water and the Holy Ghost*, the sanctifying and cleansing him, making in him *a new Heart and a new Spirit*, instructed in the Knowledge of God's Will, bend'd to the Observance of it, and set right in the Way that leads to eternal Life!

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Such a glorious and happy Change he resolved to make, and to effect it by the Mediation of his ever-blessed Son: And that Son who was all Obedience, whose Meat and Drink it was to perform his Father's Will, and to cause it to be perform'd by others, undertook the gracious Work, and not only executed the main Substance of his Commission, but complied with it in the Manner and all the Circumstances. And particularly with Regard to the Persons to whom the Truths of the Gospel were first to be declar'd, who were first to be *begotten again into a lively Hope*; to be *renewed in their inward Man*, and in the Spirit of their Mind: He applied himself, as directed, not to the Great and Powerful, not to the Wise and Learned, but to those of low Condition and ordinary Capacities; that when the Cause should appear to thrive so well, and spread so far, under the Management of such weak and despicable Agents; the Power by which they acted, and the Truths which they proclaim'd, might be confess'd to be of God, and not of Man; that all Men might ascribe the

1 Cor. 1. Glory to him who *destroyeth the Wisdom of the*
 19. *Wise, and bringeth to nothing the Understanding*
 Ver. 26, *of the Prudent*; and for that Reason hath not
 27. *called many wise Men after the Flesh, not many*
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Mighty, not many Noble; but hath chosen the foolish Things of the World to confound the Wise, and the weak Things of the World to confound the Things that are Mighty.

It was his pleasing Reflexion on the Display of God's Glory in accomplishing his Designs by the most unlikely Means, that vented its self in those Expressions of Joy we meet with in my Text; *I thank Thee, O Father, &c.*

The proper Matter of his rejoicing was not, we may be sure, the Concealment of the Gospel Truths from any Body. He who *was the true Light that lighteth every Man that cometh into the World: Who would have all to be sav'd, and come to the Knowledge of the Truth,* Joh. I. 19. 1 Tim. II. 4. could not be delighted with any One's Continuance in Error. The Rich and Knowing were to have their Share of the Revelation likewise, but the Poor and Ignorant were the Channel thro' which it was to be convey'd to them. This happy Order and Oeconomy of dispensing the Gospel: This raising the Poor out of the Mire, and setting him above the Princes of the People; this filling the Hungry with good Things, and sending the Rich empty away, till those being first replenish'd, should invite them to partake of their spiritual Sustenance: This, I say, was the direct Ground of his Exultation,
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not that these Things were *totally* hid from the Wise and Prudent, but that they were *so long* hid till after they had been reveal'd to Babes. I am now to shew in the

II. *Second Place*, that it is a very becoming Instance of Christian Obedience, a laudable Imitation of our blessed Lord, and highly conducing to God's Glory, for us, in our several Capacities, to propagate that Revelation to those who are still Babes, and who have not yet been initiated, or not so fully as they ought, in the Mysteries of the Gospel.

The great Author of our Religion having imparted to his Church such saving and useful Truths, as were sufficient to direct us in the Way to Happiness; and appointed a Succession of Pastors and Teachers, with an Authority derivable to others throughout all Ages, to preserve the Knowledge of those sacred Truths, to spread and diffuse 'em thro' all Nations, and publish to the whole World the glad Tidings of Peace and Salvation; to declare that Method of Reconciliation to God, and of attaining eternal Life, which he had declar'd to them; having done thus much, I say, and finish'd the Work he had to do on Earth, he was taken from 'em into Heaven, but left 'em with this Promise, that he would
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still be spiritually present with 'em to the End of the World; that he would send 'em another Comforter, that should lead them into all Truth, and enable 'em to lead others, and with an express Charge, that they should make it their Endeavour so to do.

Thus did 'our blessed Redeemer lay the Foundation of an universal Church, with sufficient Encouragement to the whole Race of Mankind to shelter themselves within its Pale, and become Converts to Christianity, and with a Command to those who are already admitted, who have been enlight-^{Heb. 6. 4, 5.} ned, and have tasted of the heavenly Gift, and the good Word of God, and the Powers of the World to come, with a Command, I say to them, to be zealous in imparting that Light to others, which has been so freely communicated to them; to demonstrate the Sincerity of that Love of God and their Neighbour, which, if they are true Members of the Christian Church, must necessarily possess their Hearts, by shewing a tender Regard for the Souls of Men; by revealing those Treasures of hidden Wisdom, of which they have been hitherto unhappily depriv'd; by labouring with all Diligence and Care, with all Humility and Condescension, with all Earnestness and Affection, to rectify their Mi-
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stakes, to remove their Prejudices, and give 'em as clear an Understanding as may be of the Things that belong to their Happiness and Salvation.

If all who have profess'd the Name of Christ, had been acted by such a Spirit as this; if every one would have applied to himself that Exhortation of our Saviour to St. Peter; *When thou art converted; strengthen thy Brethren*: Had every one made it a Matter of Conscience, not barely to be a Christian himself, but to contribute in the best Manner he was able to the making others so.; if such a Spirit as this, I say, had all along prevail'd among the Members of the Church, the dark Corners of the Earth might long since have been illuminated; Christendom might have had the same Bounds with the habitable Globe; not only the Sound of the Gospel might have been heard, but its Doctrines received in all Lands; and all the Ends of the World might have seen and enjoy'd the Salvation of our God.

But how backward soever the Generality of Believers may have been in this Respect, or how short soever they may have fallen of what might justly be expected from them, this makes nothing at all against the Rule; their Duty lies plain before 'em, they are expressly

presly commanded to *follow after the Things wherewith one may edify another*; to consider one another, to provoke unto Love and to good Works; not to seek their own Profit, but the Profit of many, that they may be saved; to have Compassion on their Brethren, and save them, plucking them [as Firebrands] out of the Fire.

From such imminent Danger we have all been preserved our selves; thus mercifully has our gracious Redeemer deliver'd us from the Brinks of Ruine, released us from the most galling Yoke and slavish Bondage, and brought us from the Power of Satan unto God. And can we refuse to copy him in those good Works, so far as our Capacity extends, of which we our selves have been the happy Objects? Shall we, on whom the Light of the Gospel has shone in so glorious a Manner, eclipse and contract the Beams of it, and not suffer 'em to dart into those obscure Regions, where the *Prince of this World* still rules with a despotick Sway, blinding his Vassals with the grossest Superstitions, and corrupting them with the foulest Immoralities? Do we think our own Happiness would be the less, if we should contribute to the Increase of theirs? Are we jealous of Rivals in God's Favour, or apprehensive that the Kingdom of Heaven would not be large enough

to receive us, if too many should be saved? Would we shelter our own Indevotion, and Profaneness, and Neglect of Duty, under the greater Enormities of those unenlightened Wretches; and imagine we shall be reputed less culpable for being *bad Christians*, because there are some who are *meer Heathens*? Or is it nothing else but a supine Negligence and lazy Inadvertence; a Contempt of those miserable People who are destitute of Christian Knowledge, and not thinking them worth our Notice, that makes the glorious Design of communicating the Gospel to them, go on so heavily, and meet with so small an Encouragement? Alas! how different a Notion have we of the Value of Souls from that of our blessed Lord; or what must have become of us, if he had set as low a Price on ours, as we on theirs? How justly may he reproach us for such uncharitable Neglect, as the Master in the Parable did the unmerciful Servant; *Shouldest not thou also have had Compassion on thy Fellow-Servant, even as I had Pity on thee?* How ill do we follow the Direction he has given us a little after my Text: *Learn of me, for I am meek and lowly in Heart?* How unjustly do we *hide our Light under a Bushel*, and *take away that Key of Knowledge*, that should unlock the Mysteries of the Gospel

spel to those from whom they are as yet hidden ! How little do we consult the Glory of God, which ought to be the chief End of all our Actions, by deferring to make known the Wonders of his Providence, and his infinite Love to Man, in so graciously contriving the Means of his Restauration to Grace and Favour ; where it must, and will be one Day made manifest, whether we will be the Instruments of it, or no : as if we were possess'd with a more than *Jewish* Selfishness, and resolved to confine that Redemption to our selves, which he intended for the universal Benefit of Mankind !

I am making these Expostulations among those, who, I know, are sensible of the Justness of them, and who have long been labouring to prevent the unhappy Occasion that has been given for them, and not without a good Degree of Success ; but the Concurrence of all Hands and Hearts is requisite toward the accomplishing a Work of so large a Compass, and the Want of that is what I sincerely lament ; but I am willing to believe, that *Her Majesty's* Gracious Letter, requiring a Collection to be made for the carrying on that godly Undertaking, and appointed to be read in all our Churches the next Lord's Day, will very much encrease the

the Number of those who make the Propagating of Christian Knowledge their peculiar Care, and that the Exhortations to that Purpose will have a good Effect; and therefore I will not too far anticipate the Subject.

I have a Charity of a nearer and more immediate Concern at present to recommend to you, if any farther Recommendation be requisite of those, whose innocent Look, whose modest Garb, whose unaffected Plainness, whose orderly Procession, whose towardly Manners and regular Behaviour, whose ready Submission to Discipline, and happy Improvement under it, do so engagingly plead for 'em, and carry such a winning Persuasion.

III. For this was the *Third Thing* I proposed, viz. to apply the Substance of what has been advanc'd under the Two former Heads, to the Religious and Christian Undertaking that occasions this goodly Appearance of *Poor*, who *have the Gospel preach'd unto them*; and of *Babes*, to whom those Truths of Christianity are *reveal'd*, which are *bid from the worldly wise*.

And sure if the revealing the Mysteries of the Gospel to those who, in any Sense, were Babes, was at first a Demonstration of the *Truth* of Christianity; the Revealing it now with

with such Success, to these who are literally so, is a Demonstration of the Power of it. Such a well-laid Foundation in the Principles of the Christian Faith, so forward a Proficiency in Children of such tender Years; such a Readiness to give an Answer to every Man that asketh them a Reason of the Hope that is in them, is no inconsiderable Proof that God is with us; of a Truth; and that such as are meek and tractable among us, *them will he teach his Way.*

If the bringing his Purposes to pass by the most helpless Agents and weakest Instruments, be conducive to God's Glory, and an Argument of his providential Care and Direction of humane Affairs; what Agents so helpless as these; what Instruments so weak? and yet, what Strength has he ordained? What Praise has he perfected out of the Mouth of these Babes? What an Air of primitive Simplicity do we see reviving in how blessed a Resemblance of the Beginnings of the Gospel Age, in the several Parts of *His Majesty's Dominions*? How laudable a Correspondence has been settled and maintained among the distant Promoters of this good Work, who carry on a religious Commerce, and negotiate for the Good of Souls? How pleasant is it to observe, that from the Time it was first undertaken,

taken, it has never intermitted or stood still, never cool'd upon their Hands, much less has it gone backward, but, as it appears, upon comparing every Year's Account, with that of the foregoing, the Number of Schools and Scholars, and the Contributions for maintaining them, have been still growing and encreasing, and the Lord has been continually adding to the Church such as, we trust, shall be sav'd? Thus is that *Grain of Mustard Seed*, which was cast into the Ground, become a great Tree, and that Tree is in a fair Probability of spreading to a Grove.

And I will not distrust, but that the delightful Spectacle of this Day, the humble Procession, the decent Appearance, the reverent Deportment, and the harmonious Consort of those Innocents now before you, far more affecting than the Solemnities of the gayest Triumph, or the fictitious Passions of a Theatrical Representation; I will not distrust, I say, but that so many persuasive Arguments and (if that could add any Weight to a Rhetorick so much more cogent) the earnest Endeavour of the Advocate who is now pleading in their Behalf, will, with God's Blessing, touch the Heart of some new Benefactor, and open some fabled Spring of Bounty to water and refresh these godly Nurseries

series, which give us so fair a Specimen of the Reformation of Manners in this Age, and I hope in God, will compleat and perfect it in the next at least.

When we observe the surprizing Proficiency of these Children in the Knowledge and Practice of their Duty, to a Degree that could scarce have been believ'd, till it was thus try'd; how few in so large a Number have prov'd remarkably vicious and incorrigible: How few have wanted either a Capacity to retain even long Catechetical Answers, with the Scripture-Proofs, or a decent Courage to pronounce 'em audibly and distinctly in a full Congregation, not even those of the Female Sex: This will convince us, how much the Soul of Man may be improv'd by good Nurture and Education; and that it is not any Inability or Defect of Nature, (which too often bears the Blame) but Negligence and Sloth, or a wrong Method of Instruction, that makes the Generality of other Children appear with less Advantage.

Blessed be God! we have many excellent Seminaries of Religion and Learning, where the Children of the better Sort may be well grounded in all useful Knowledge; in all that can adorn this Life, or fit 'em for a better.

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But without Disparagement or Injustice to those hopeful Nurseries, I may venture to affirm, that there is no Way of Instruction so generally successful, where there are so few Miscarriages, or so compleatly fram'd for the breeding up good Christians, as in these Charity-Schools.

Thus amply has the wise Providence of God, compensated the Disadvantages of the Poor and Indigent, in wanting many of the Conveniencies of this Life, by a more abundant Provision for their Happiness in the next. Had they been higher born, or more richly endow'd, they would have wanted this Manner of Education, of which those only enjoy the Benefit, who are low enough to submit to it, where they have such Advantages *without Money and without Price*, as the Rich cannot purchase with it; the Learning which is *given*, is generally more edifying to them, than that which is *sold* to others: Thus do they become more exalted in Goodness, by being depress'd in Fortune, and their Poverty is, in Reality, their Preferment.

Let us thankfully adore the divine Goodness, that, in the midst of an Age which seem'd abandon'd to Vice and Irreligion, abounding with so much Corruption, with so many Examples of Profaneness and Debauchery, has rais'd up such a Spirit of Piety and

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